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U.N. censures Israel

Council of Europe favors autonomy for Palestine

STRASBOURG, France April 25 (AP) — The Council of Europe has voted overwhelmingly in favor of the right of Palestinians to self-determination.

The resolution, passed with no opposition and only a few abstentions, was raised by a Palestine Liberation Organization representative and criticized by an Israeli spokesman.

For Israel, the vote was a major setback, since it has always considered the Council of Europe a staunchly pro-Israel group. Israel has observer status in the 21-nation organization, whose decisions have moral weight but no legal force.

The 17-point resolution adopted the council's parliamentary assembly.

— Urges Israel to recognize the Palestinians' right to self-determination and the PLO to recognize Israel's right to exist.

— Condemns Israeli settlements in the occupied Arab land as a violation of international law and harmful to peace efforts.

— Calls the Camp David accords "important," but cautions that they "cannot up to now be seen as constituting a basis for the hoped-for comprehensive agreement."

— Asks governments to work in the United Nations to rewrite a 1967 U.N. Security Council resolution which "reduces the problem of the Palestinian people to a refugee problem."

Naim Khader, PLO representative in Brussels visiting the council's Strasbourg headquarters, called the resolution "objective and positive."

"In the past the Council of Europe has been hostile to us," he said. "This resolution reflects a changing attitude."

Micha Harish, a member of the Israeli parliament who was Tel Aviv's observer at this assembly session, said "We're unhappy from the point of view of Israel and also of European leaders who may not have accomplished what they were trying to do."

The vote Wednesday followed a weekend meeting here of the association for Euro-Arab cooperation. The group has about 350 members, including members of the parliamentary assembly and the Common Market's European parliament.

The association plans, with PLO help, to set up a bureau here for Euro-Arab contacts.

During the debate on the resolution, some assembly members said it was time a European organization took a diplomatic initiative in the Middle East.

"Europe should take the necessary practical initiatives. We have let the United States take the dominant role in this area, which to a certain extent has brought the situation to an impasse," said Guy Brasseur, a Belgian member.

But Jakob Aano of Norway said Europeans should "remember" that Jews had been expelled from many countries during and after World War II, which would help

explain Israel's settlement policy.

At the United Nations, the Security Council Thursday censured Israel for its latest military incursion into southern Lebanon, and all acts of hostility against U.N. troops in the area, several of whom were killed in recent actions.

The United States abstained in the vote, after Donald McHenry, the chief American delegate, said the resolution did not deal with the problem in a balanced way.

The Soviet Union and East Germany also abstained. The 12 other members voted for the resolution, drafted during intensive private consultations following Lebanon's request that the council denounce Israel's aggression.

The council deplored the provision of military assistance to the "de facto forces," the U.N.'s term for the Israeli-backed right-wing Lebanese militia led by Maj. Saad Haddad, which has repeatedly harassed and obstructed U.N. peace operations.

Two Irish soldiers of the U.N. force were killed last week, allegedly by militiamen, although Maj. Haddad denied they were responsible.

Israel bans Muslims from Friday prayer

By Bob Lebling and
Fawaz Al Asmar
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 25 — Israeli military authorities banned Muslims from holding their regular Friday prayers in Jerusalem's al-Aksa Mosque following disturbances in the West Bank towns of Ramallah and el-Bireh, according to informed sources in occupied Palestine.

Israel also told Christians they would not be allowed to pray at their shrines in Jerusalem on Sunday. The ban on Muslim and Christian religious services in the Holy City — which has not been reported in Israel due to military censorship — was ordered by military occupation authorities who feared the services could lead to demonstrations and other disturbances, the sources said.

According to the sources, reached by telephone, tensions were high in the West Bank following a pre-dawn rampage Friday through the streets of Ramallah and el-Bireh by Jewish settlers belonging to the Gush Emunim movement.

The settlers, armed with axes, crowbars and guns, entered the towns at about 5 a.m., smashed over 150 car windshields and some 200 windows of homes and shops, the sources said.

Some of the settlers fired their guns in the air, and the gunfire kept terrified residents in their homes during the rampage. The Gush Emunim members, who live in a new settlement near Ramallah called "Beit el-B", also turned over two buses at Ramallah municipal headquarters.

After the rampage ended, Ramallah's Mayor Karim Khalaf and el-Bireh Mayor Ibrahim Tawel met with officials of other West Bank towns to study the crisis. They agreed to stage a three-day strike and boycott of Israeli products to protest to Gush Emunim raids.

"Our people reserve their right to take any action they deem necessary," Khalaf was quoted as saying after the meeting.

Gambler severs hand

NEW DELHI, April 25 (R) — A 32-year-old farmer in southern India cut off his hand to stop himself gambling after losing his last 100 rupees (\$ 12.50) in a card game, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said.

Gopala Reddy of Andhra Pradesh state went to his father's grave, swore never to touch cards again and severed his right hand with a knife, the agency said.

Force fails to rescue hostages

'Everything will be blown up,' Iran warns

WASHINGTON, April 25 (Agencies) — The White House announced early Friday that a daring military effort to rescue American hostages held in Tehran was aborted because of "equipment failure." A collision of two U.S. aircraft on the ground in an Iranian desert resulted in the deaths of eight crewmen, the announcement said.

The middle of the night announcement followed recent hints by key administration officials that American news organizations think twice before assigning reporters to Tehran.

Iranian Foreign Minister Sadegh Ootzadeh said Friday in a television interview he had given instructions for Iranian oil installations to be blown up in the event of a damaging American attack against Iran.

Ootzadeh was speaking on CBS television soon after Carter told Americans of the abortive mission.

The minister said: "I have given instructions to the navy and to the workers in the oil fields that (if there is) any American action that results in any damage, everything is going to be blown up."

Passengers on an Iranian bus claimed Friday they were taken prisoner overnight by American marines operating in the Tabas area where the attempt was aborted.

The passengers said in an interview broadcast by the Iranian state radio that they were stopped aboard their bus near Tabas in the Eastern Iranian desert of Dash-e-Kavir.

They were released when one of the 12 American helicopters on the scene exploded and the rescue team decided to leave, the radio quoted the passengers as saying.

They said American troops speaking excellent Farsi ordered the passengers to get out of the bus and took their Iranian prisoners to the United States planes which were standing nearby.

One passenger said there were several aircraft and 12 helicopters. He did not describe the airplanes.

There were also about 400 or 500 marines and a jeep standing by, they said. As the Iranians were being hustled into an aircraft a helicopter exploded and the marines decided to leave, the passengers said.



Iran establishes relations

Aden, Sanaa unity progressing

ADEN, April 25 (Agencies) — A senior South Yemeni official has predicted early progress in moves towards unity with North Yemen.

Ali Assad Muhanna, a member of the central committee of the South Yemeni Socialist Party, said Thursday as he left for talks in North Yemen that "cooperation and coordination between the two halves of Yemen will soon develop in various fields."

Muhanna was carrying confidential messages to North Yemeni leaders from South Yemen's new President Ali Nasser Muhammad.

Nasser Muhammad became president after Abdul-Fattah Ismail, who sought unity with North Yemen, resigned Sunday for health reasons.

Meanwhile in Tebran, Iran and South Yemen Friday established diplomatic relations, vowing to fight imperialism and Zionism, according to a joint statement published by the Iranian Foreign Ministry.

There have been no relations between the two countries since South Yemen won independence in 1971. The two states were on opposite sides of a war in the Oman province of Dhofar in the mid-1970's when the deposed Shah sent Iranian troops to help defeat a leftist insurrection there.

Relations between Tehran and Aden improved after last year's Islamic revolution that led to Iran cutting all ties with Israel and supporting radical Arab governments.

And in Kuwait Thursday, South Yemen called for stronger economic links with socialist countries and especially the Soviet Union in the first statement by the ruling Socialist Party since Ismail's resignation, the Kuwaiti news agency Kuna reported.

The statement of the central committee of the party made no reference to the takeover by Muhammad.

Rabat plans N-plant
BELGRADE, April 25 (AP) — Morocco is planning to construct its first nuclear power plant following the discovery of uranium extracted from phosphate, the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug reported from Rabat in the pool of nonaligned agencies.

The report Thursday said location of the plant has not yet been determined but that Moroccan officials estimate it could be inaugurated in 10 years. Mass production of the uranium is anticipated by 1983, the report said. It said production of the uranium would really decrease oil's share in the overall energy consumption and relax Morocco's dependence on oil imports, which at present cost the country one billion dollars a year.

British aircraft crashes; 146 die
LONDON, April 25 (R) — A missing British Aircraft carrier 138 holidaymakers and eight crew Friday night was assumed to be down in the sea off the coast of Spain, the Department of Trade said.

Spanish authorities had organized a sea and air search for the Dan Air Boeing 727 jet which had vanished on its way from Manchester, England, to Tenerife in the Canary Islands, a spokesman said.

There was no indication of the condition of the downed airliner, he said. Its last radio message had been sent at 1319 GMT 10 minutes before it had been due to land at Tenerife, he stated.

The British news agency Press Association quoted Tenerife airport police as saying it appeared that the plane had crashed in the sea.

Contact with the aircraft had been lost 10 minutes before scheduled touchdown, a spokesman was quoted as saying.

lan Gilmore told the House of Commons that "we were informed of the possibility of a rescue." But spokesmen for some other countries, including West Germany, Switzerland and Denmark, said they had no advance notice of the mission.

Israeli Prime Minister Begin said: "I am very sorry about the mistakes which happened."

Some U.S. congressmen applauded Carter's action in ordering the mission but others expressed alarm that he had taken such a decision now.

In Cairo, President Anwar Sadat Friday said he promised the American people that "I shall give facilities for the rescue of the (Iranian-held) hostages."

Naval task force moves

SINGAPORE, April 25 (AP) — A U.S. naval task force led by the aircraft carrier *Constitution* was to leave Friday after a brief stay, a U.S. embassy spokesman said. The task force has been here for the first two days, the spokesman said Thursday.

Six other vessels — missile cruiser *Warren*, *Truxtun*, frigates *Bagley*, *Downson* and *Harold E. Holt* and destroyer *O'Brien* — were part of the force, the spokesman said. He declined to say where they were going Friday.

Islamic panel blasts film

RIYADH, April 25 (Agencies) — The Kingdom's Supreme Council of the Judiciary has condemned *Death of a Princess*, shown by the British and Dutch television channels, as vilify Saudi Arabia and Islamic laws.

In a statement Thursday, the council denounced the audacity of the enemies of Islam in the West and the followers of Zionism to produce the false film. It reiterated that the actions of the enemies of Islam will only strengthen the Saudi Arabian leadership in their adherence to right, and they will continue to enforce the Islamic sanctions against anyone who showed hostility to Islam.

It added that it is the duty of the state authority to punish anyone who dares to exceed the bounds of God, disregards Muslim sentiments and spreads corruption on earth.

Such a person is liable to be executed, for God has allowed the killing of the corrupt if his or her action is detrimental to the Islamic society and morals.

It said that the Islamic punishment was the correct remedy for the ills of the society, and the state authority awarded the Islamic sanctions without any discrimination and regardless of the person's link to any family.

The action taken against the two offenders was in conformity with the Islamic provisions the council said, for the Prophet Muhammad had said that nations in the bygone days had perished because they used to exempt the nobles from sanctions and punish the weak if they committed a crime.

He had said about his daughter, Fatimah, that "if she had committed a theft I would have cut her hand."

A British Embassy spokesman said there is no reason to think that the lowering of the level of diplomatic relations would in any way affect the tradition of Saudi Arabian hospitality.

to British subjects working in the Kingdom. He said there has been no reduction in the courtesy shown to the British.

"The embassy," he added, "has no word of any economic sanctions." Saudi Arabian-British trade last year rose 14 per cent over the previous year to \$36 million pounds sterling in exports and 1.1 billion largely in oil imports. "Invisible" earnings from services, salaries and other sectors are believed to at least make up the trade gap.

In Washington, two American Muslim attorneys, acting on behalf of U.S. and international Islamic groups, have threatened to go to federal court to block a Boston television station's planned airing of *Death of a Princess*.

San Francisco lawyers Khaled Al-Mansour and Faisal Al-Talal, perhaps best known for their efforts in support of OPEC in the celebrated Machinists Union antitrust action against the oil producers, have advised television station WGBH that they intend to seek legal action against the showing of the film, which is slated to be aired May 12.

Reached by telephone in his San Francisco office, Al-Mansour told *Arab News* — *Askar* Al-Awsar he is acting on behalf of the World Muslim Council in Mecca, the Muslim League of Canada and other Islamic groups.

In a Telex message to WGBH, Mansour and Talal urged the station to cancel its planned showing of the film or at least provide equal air time immediately after the program "to correct the defamatory distortions, insults and cheap tricks contained" in it.

They said that if they did not receive a satisfactory response from WGBH by April 28, they would bring legal action in federal court in Massachusetts to enjoin the airing of the "Drama documentary."

Meanwhile, Malaysia said Friday it has banned *Death of a Princess*.

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To build diplomatic complex**SR636m embassy housing pact signed**

RIYADH, April 25 (Agencies) — A Saudi Arabian, a Japanese and a Korean firm were awarded a SR636 million contract to build and maintain a housing complex for diplomatic personnel in Riyadh.

The contract was signed Thursday by Prince Salman, governor of Riyadh and chairman of the executive committee organizing the project.

The three companies agreed to build the complex in 32 months and to maintain it for two years after completion. The complex will be built four kilometers from the current

"Embassy Row" in Riyadh, and after completion, all the current Jeddah-based embassies will be transferred to the new site.

The complex will have 612 housing units of large, small and medium sized villas. It also will include schools, parks, playgrounds, mosques, a clinic, a sewage treatment plant and other basic facilities.

The complex eventually will house 3,000 people and is to serve as a model for other housing complexes in Riyadh, Prince Salman said.

He said all the designs and drawings are

near completion, including those of government agencies that will be situated there.

Sites for chanceries have been selected and some of them handed to the embassies to build their own structures according to designs of their choice. Work should start in one year, he said.

Three consulting companies were hired three years ago to compile the major plans for the buildings and the infrastructure.

Embassy Row itself will be based in an area of 6 million square meters and may have a population of 11,000 from 80 embassies. It should be ready in three years time.

A SR384 million contract for the infrastructure was signed last year. Already 15 per cent of the project has been implemented, Prince Salman said.

In a related matter, South Korean companies have secured more than 25 per cent of the Saudi Arabian construction market, having quadrupled their share in the 13 months to last June, Kyong Duk Kim, said.

South Korea topped the list with contracts worth \$6 billion, followed by Italy (\$3.5 billion) and West Germany (\$3.308 billion).

British companies were in eighth position (with \$643 million) and the United States were 12th (\$346 million), he said.

Chatti returns with report on Somali refugees

JEDDAH, April 25 (SPA) — Habib Chatti, secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, returned to Jeddah Friday after a 24-hour visit to Somalia, to probe the condition of refugees.

About 700,000 refugees live in Somalia after being expelled from Ogaden by Ethiopians assisted by Cuban troops and Soviet advisers.

Chatti was acting upon a resolution by the extraordinary meeting of Islamic foreign ministers held in Islamabad last January. He will report on the situation in the Horn of Africa and the condition of Somali refugees to the 11th Islamic foreign ministers conference scheduled to be held in Islamabad, May 14-21.

The official urged OIC member states to show their Muslim solidarity by standing by Somalia and assisting it because of the continuous flow of refugees.

He said his talks with officials in Mogadishu centered on the deterioration in the country's economy caused by the refugee problem. Those refugees are, moreover, living in impossible conditions without the essentials of daily life, he added.

Chatti pointed out that in addition to all this, Somalia faced possible drought—a state of affairs that demands a firm stand on the part of all international organizations and countries in general, and OIC states in particular.

In Al-Riyadh schools**Fahd dedicates new building**

RIYADH, April 25 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd Wednesday evening cut the ribbon of a new building of Mansaf Al-Riyadh Schools.

Prince Fahd, accompanied by Riyadh Governor Prince Salman, then toured the various components of the new building. He also attended a ceremony held at the school to mark the end of its annual program. Later in the evening, Fahd, Salman, and other princes, cabinet ministers and student's parents dined and listened to poems by the students.

Several contracts will be awarded this year for educational projects across the Kingdom. They include construction of the Education Directorate in Jizan, an institute for the deaf in Riyadh, institutes for the blind in Hasa and Qasim, and a housing complex for Mecca's

institute for the blind.

Two medium size libraries in Abha and Unaiza, three small ones in Medina, Zilfi and Radd, and the central warehouse in Riyadh will be awarded this year. Four main medical centers will be built in Abha, Qunfuz, Wadi dawair and Taif. The Taif unit will have a boneopathic treatment facilities.

Eight branch medical centers will be built in Qasim, Abha, Washm, Hail, Jof and Najran. Three scout camps will be established in Hail, Bish and Sudair.

This year and last the ministry of education built 185 small primary schools and 175 model primary schools. Six of these have 23 classrooms, 22 have 227 classrooms, 23 have 15 classrooms each, 15 have 18 classrooms each, 56 have nine classrooms each and 53 have 12 classrooms.



VISIT : China's Interior Minister Chuang Hsiao Chiu inspects some hospital equipment.

Chiu inspects local hospitals

JEDDAH, April 25 (SPA) — China's Interior Minister Chuang-huan Chiu arrived here Thursday night for an eight day official visit to Saudi Arabia with a message to Crown Prince Fahd, from his prime minister.

He was met at the airport by Governor of Mecca Prince Majed, Jeddah District Commissioner Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Sudairi, Commander of Jeddah region Lt. Gen. Mansour Al-Shuaibi, and the staff of the Chinese embassy.

On Friday, Chiu and the accompanying delegation visited the new Public Hospital and the New Jeddah Clinic Hospital off Medina road. He expressed his admiration for the efficiency of the staff and the advanced equipment acquired by the two hospitals. New Jeddah Clinic is manned and equipped mainly by China.

Prince Naif visited the Republic of China last year at the invitation of Chiu who now returns the visit.



WELCOME : Bahraini Emir Sheikh Isa bin Ahmad Al Khalifa on arrival in Abu Dhabi Friday with United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed and Saudi National Guard Commander Prince Abdullah.

Abdullah honored in UAE

ABU DHABI, April 25 (SPA) — The President of the United Arab Emirates Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, gave a dinner party in honor of Prince Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, who is visiting the country for two days.

Prince Abdullah also had talks with Sheikh Zayed and other leaders of the country.

In an arrival statement he said he was pleased to be visiting the country and expressed confidence in the future of the Arabs and their ability to surmount all obstacles thrown in their way.

On Friday Abdullah was Sheikh Zayed's guest at the annual camel races that also was attended by the Ruler of Bahrain Sheikh Isa bin Salman, the foreign minister of Qatar and other senior officials from the Kingdom and other Gulf states.

Airlines board meets

DOHA, April 25 (SPA) — The board of directors of Gulf Aviation has decided to take part in the Arab company for automatic reservations, which will be based in Bahrain. It also approved the company's budget of BD155 million for this year.

The board met in Muscat recently and decided, among other things, to increase the airline's fleet and improve services.

Gulf Aviation is owned jointly by the governments of Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Oman.

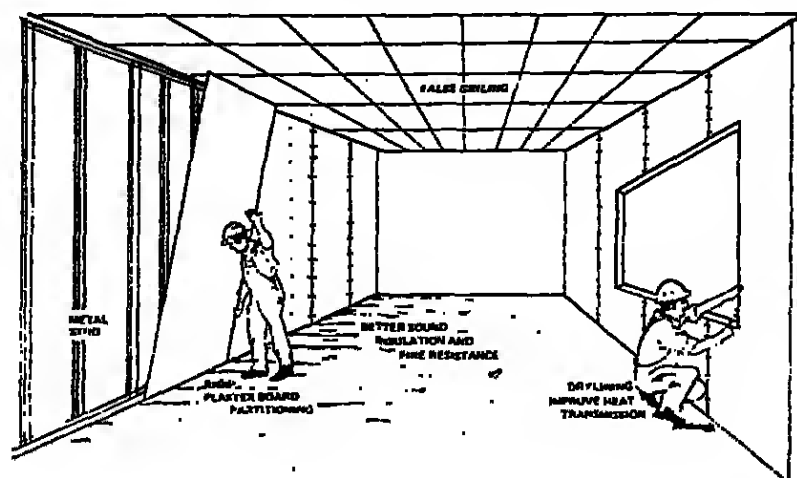
To villages**Ministry extends services**

RIYADH, April 25 (SPA) — The Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs has so far established 17 rural complexes in various parts of the country in order to centralize and streamline services.

Of these, three are in the Central region, five in the Southern Region, three in Qasim, three in the Western Region and one each in the Northern and Eastern Region. One was built in Hail.

They are aimed at serving the area's villages instead of building a municipality for each village, according to Hamood Al Muslim, director general of rural affairs. The number of villages in each complex ranges from ten to 50.

Al Muslim said there are about 10,000 villages, some of which have as few as 20 to 30 inhabitants. In order to extend services to all of them, the ministry is trying to curtail the number of unlicensed villages.

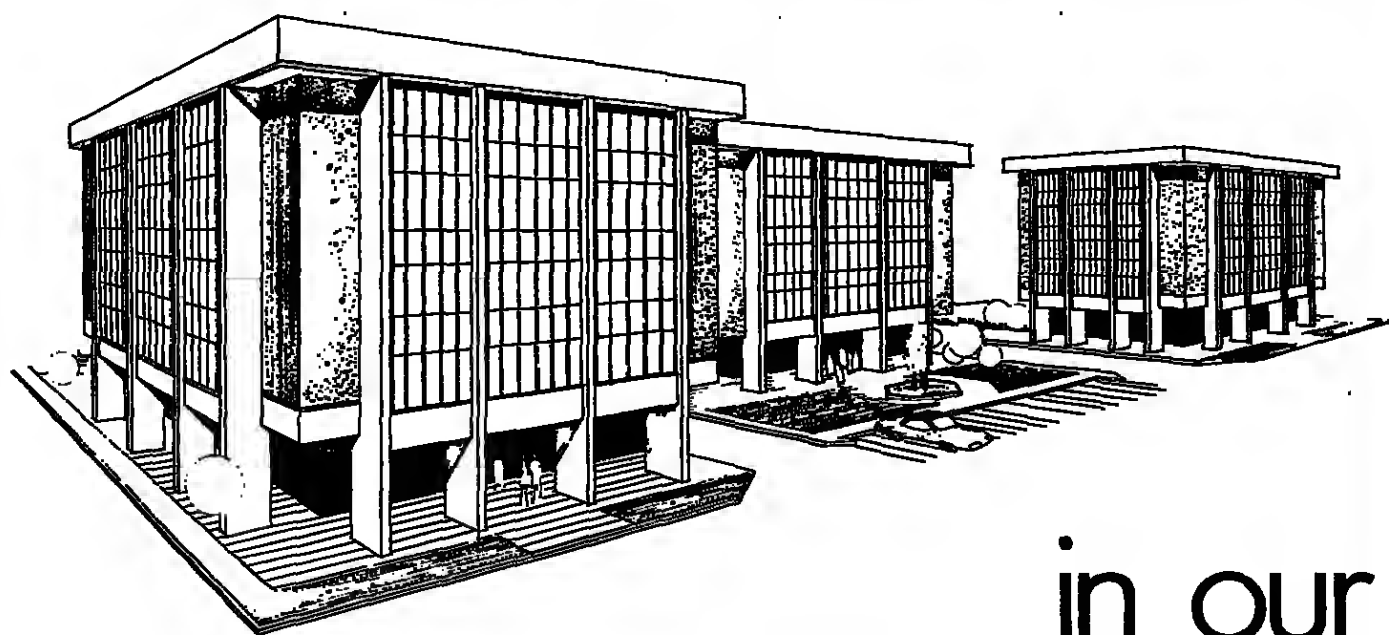
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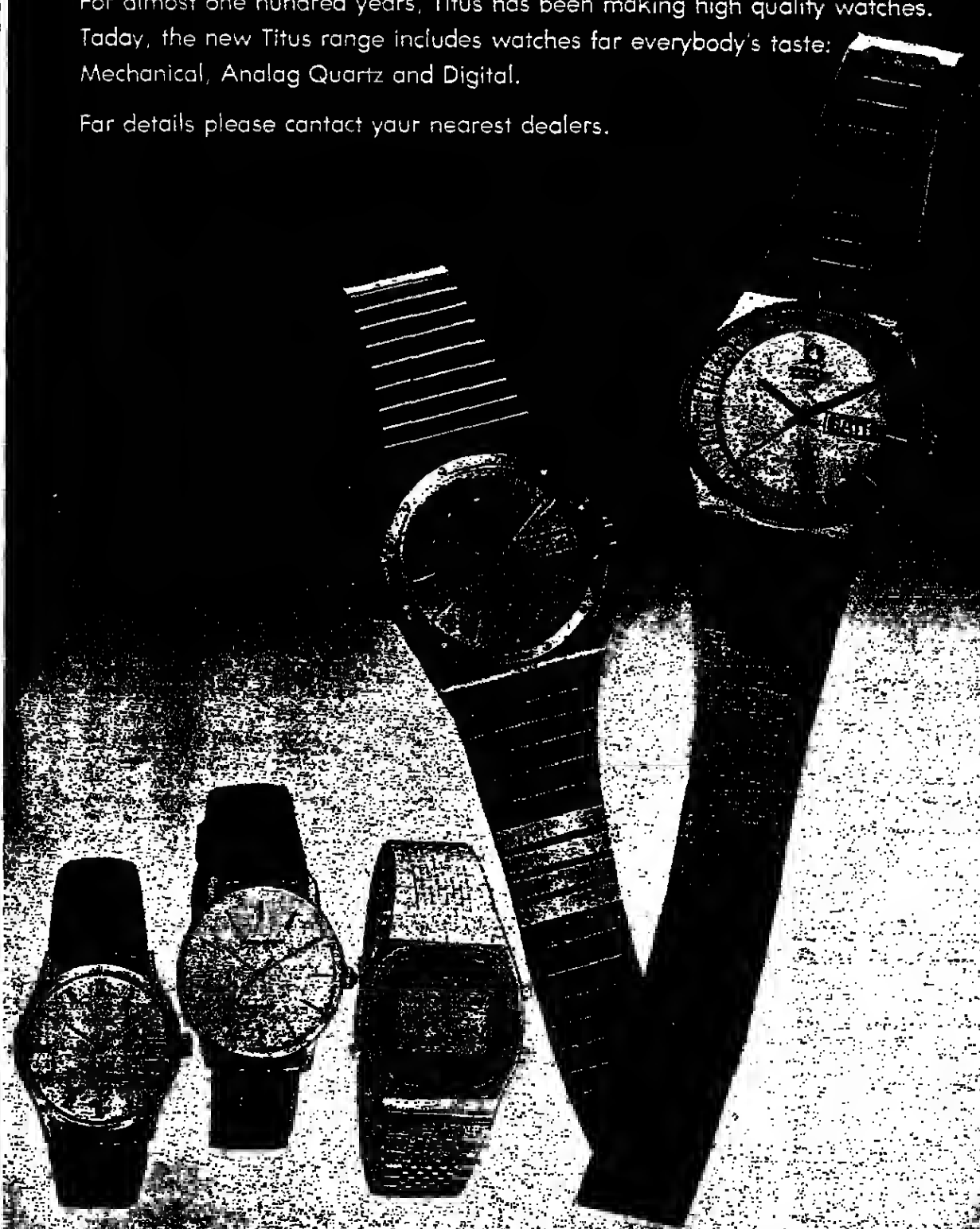
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Saudi factory to manufacture syringes

JEDDAH, April 25 — Not only is a large manufacturing company under construction in the Dammam Industrial Estate, the plant is a 100 per cent Saudi operation, according to *Saudi Business* magazine. The company is to begin operating early in 1981 and will initially produce 30 million syringes per year in three sizes. These will be 1, 2 and 3 cc. models.

years ago Abdul Jawad discussed the possibility of a joint venture with a Swedish firm, but the Saudi Ministry of Industry refused to grant a production license since one had been granted to another company.

When that company found itself unable to proceed, the ministry informed Abdul Jawad of its willingness to grant him a license. But by then, the Swedish firm had other commitments and was unprepared to enter a joint venture with Abdul Jawad. Rather, than let the opportunity slip away, Abdul Jawad launched a full Saudi operation.

The 100 per cent nature of the new plant is one of its most remarkable features in the

opinion of Norman Wells of the Saudi Investment Banking Corporation. SIBC is providing 25 per cent of the financing for the factory. Fifty per cent of the funding came from the Saudi Industrial Development Fund and 25 per cent was paid-up capital in what Wells describes as a "typical mix" for a project of this sort.

Al Shifa will utilize only the most modern methods at the fully-air-conditioned factory. Its sterilization chamber will use a gamma ray unit supplied by Atomic Energy of Canada to sterilize the syringes manufactured. Project manager Selim Reza explains that plant facilities will be made available to the hospitals of the area for the sterilization of such medical equipment as surgical packs.

These trays can be packed in polythene bags, then boxed for treatment by gamma rays in a process which eliminated contact between the instruments being sterilized and human hands.

The factory will provide its own biological and quality-control laboratories as well as a clinic to ensure hygienic standards and general health of the personnel.

Training for Al Shifa personnel will be provided by the German companies Demag and Transcoject, pioneers in plastic disposable items, who will undertake instruction of local staff in the operation and maintenance of machinery on site. Supervisory personnel will receive part of their instruction in production management, quality control and safety measures in West Germany and Canada.

To staff the new factory, Abdul Jawad and Reza will look first for Saudi labor. The King Abdul Aziz University in Jeddah, which has an atomic energy unit, may provide students who can possibly occupy supervisory roles at Al Shifa.



DISPLAY: Carpets and dates made in Saudi Arabia were of locally made products on display at the first exhibition of Saudi Arabian industries. The exhibition was opened Wednesday by Dr. Ghazi Al Gosaibi, minister of industry and electricity. It is open daily until April 30 from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. at the International Expo Center on airport's ring road.

Trade show highlights industries

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 25 — More than 40 of Saudi Arabian industries exhibited their products and displayed their potential for further expansion at the first exhibition of locally made goods held in the country.

The exhibition which opened Wednesday at the Jeddah International Expo Center featured Mercedes trucks and trailers, made under license by Juffali in Jeddah, 10 towels, sweets, carpets and ceramics.

Prefabricated offices and office furniture of high caliber, air-conditioners and retreaded tires were also on show.

The exhibition was opened by Dr. Ghazi Al Gosaibi, minister of industry and electricity and so far the turnout has been encouraging. Makers of sweets, biscuits and ice cream were doing a brisk business selling their products as well as promoting them.

The list of exhibitors includes paper, trucks, vehicle bodies, lubricating oils, plastics, textiles, sweets, furniture of various kinds, icecream, fertilizers, insecticides, foodstuffs, milk products, dates, fodder, brushes and brooms, rails, heavy equipment, batteries, radiators, points, chemicals, sponge, detergents, fiberglass, prestressed concrete, prefab buildings, metal sheets and pipes, polystyrene roofs, air conditioners, water heaters and coolers, marble, amianol, manhole covers, steel structures, sand lime bricks, washing basins, artificial marble, steel tanks, mattresses, aluminium, leather folding doors, pressed wood, gypsum tiles and drums.

The exhibition will last until April 30 and is open from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. every day.

Arab satellite to be discussed

RIYADH, April 25 (SPA) — Minister of Telecommunications and Post Dr. Alawi Kayyal left for Morocco Thursday to the Saudi delegation to the 11th session

of the general assembly of the Arab Space Telecommunications Organization.

High on the agenda of the session opening in Rabat Monday will be a proposal for an Arab satellite to enter the manufacturing stage and eventually be launched.

Dr. Kayyal is accompanied by Deputy Minister for Telephones Faisal Zaidan and other senior officials from the PTT ministry.

Saudi increases passenger travel

By Joseph Eltayer

JEDDAH, April 25 — Saudi's February passenger traffic was up 34.60 per cent over same month last year, setting records for one passenger boardings, passenger kilometers and load factors, officials said.

Officials said the national airline carried 723,536 passengers. Saudi revenue passenger kilometers for the same period was 8,100,000 with an increase of 22.81 per cent from last year. Freight Ton Kilometers were 17,312,000 for the same period, a 25 per cent increase over last year.

As for Saudi passenger load factors, the airline sector showed an increase from 72.1969, to 76 in 1980. The sector also showed an increase in the international load factor from 49 in 1969 to 51 in 1980. In January and February, 1980, Saudi carried 10,933 passengers.

In related matters, Saudi opened a new reservation office in Kuwait to cope with the increasing number of passengers between the Kingdom and Kuwait.

In addition Muhammad A. Al-Fawzan has been confirmed for the position of general manager, marketing sales programs. Muhammad Ali Zarea has been promoted to position of general manager sales, Riyadh office.

Saudi Comment

By Muhammad Omer Al-Amoudi
Al Medina

Sometime ago, a banker came to me with a foreign expert in the banking business. He insisted the banker turn his organization into an Islam-oriented bank, waiving interest from all its transactions and purifying his business from everything that has the slightest link to usury.

In calling for this, the aim of the foreigner (or the "khawaja" as they say) was not religious. He said he came to the conclusion after studying the budgets and reports of a number of Islamic banks, which have been lately set up in some Arab states. He found that the gains and achievements of those banks, as permitted by the faith, far exceeded those of other commercial banks.

The idea of Islamic banks was generated in our country or, at least it is considered the most prominent exponent of this idea. A large number of Saudi businessmen and financiers took a leading role in bringing out this idea from the precincts of aspirations to the realm of reality.

They contributed in the establishment of Islamic banks in the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Egypt and Sudan. With the interest rates reaching an all-time high these days, people seem to be justified when they ask why the idea of Islamic banks is not translated into practice in their countries.

After seeing the foreigner's slaver and the successful experience of Islamic banks in Arab countries, I don't think financiers and businessmen will hesitate to take to this course; especially those who feel distressed in dealing with banks, but pressing need and business circumstances make them do so.

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Monday	Mecca	Medina	Najd
Asr	4:37	4:32	4:04
Magh	5:58	5:48	5:29
Israk	12:25	12:27	11:58
Asr	3:47	3:54	3:24
Magh	6:42	6:51	6:21
Israk	8:16	8:21	7:51

WEATHER

There will be a sharp drop in temperature in central part of the Kingdom. Moderate rain will prevail in general in the North and Eastern Provinces.

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Friday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade):

Mecca	39	24
Jeddah	33	23
Riyadh	40	24
Dhahran	40	23
Medina	40	25
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Hussein sees EEC role best hope for peace

LONDON, April 25 (R) — King Hussein of Jordan suggested in a newspaper interview published Friday that the European Economic Community (EEC) had a more valuable role to play in the search for a peaceful settlement in the Middle East than either the United States or the Soviet Union.

"I feel that Europe has closer links with this area in terms of its destiny and its future," Hussein told a London *Times* correspondent in Amman. "Europe is less likely to be under pressure, it has more continuity and more of an emphasis on principles."

The king emphasized his conviction that



King Hussein

the Palestine issue remained the key to any future Middle East settlement.

Hussein saw European intervention as the Middle East's best hope for a comprehensive settlement. "At this stage, the United States has lost the possibility of influencing events in the region in a positive way," the monarch added.

New cabinet announced in Tunisia

TUNIS, April 25 (R) — Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba reshuffled his government Thursday following the appointment of a new prime minister.

Muhammad Mzali, 55, Wednesday replaced Prime Minister Hadi Nouira, who suffered a brain hemorrhage in February.

Diplomatic observers said the new cabinet showed Bourguiba's determination to relieve tensions after last week's controversial execution of 15 men sentenced to death for their involvement in a guerrilla attack on the mining town of Gafsa last January.

Composition of the new cabinet is as follows:

Prime minister: Muhammad Mzali
Special adviser to the president: Habib Bourguiba junior
Justice: Muhammad Shaker
Foreign affairs: Hassan Bekkedja
Interior: Idris Khalil
Defense: Salahuddin Bafi
Planning and finance: Mansour Monella
Economy: Abdelaziz Al Azam
Equipment and housing: Muhammad Sayeh
Information and culture: Fouad M'Bazza
Education: Frej Chadi
Higher education and research: Abdelaziz Ben Othman
Agriculture: Ali Assad Ben Othman
Transport and communications: Sadok Ben Jemaa
Youth and sports: Hadi Zghal
Attached to the prime minister's office, head of the party: Mounir Kneil
Health: Rashid Safer.

Asghar Khan urges Zia ouster

ISLAMABAD, April 25 (R) — Former air marshal Asghar Khan, released from six months house arrest last week, has defied Pakistan's military government and called for the overthrow of Gen. Muhammad Zia ul-Haq.

Ignoring the government's ban on political activity Asghar Khan Thursday openly challenged Zia's rule by holding a press conference in which he described Gen. Zia as "a usurper who led a ruthless junta."

"General Zia and army rule must be replaced. Zia has no intention of letting democracy function. Any general who might replace him will be the same."

"The army has misruled Pakistan off and on for two decades and has been responsible for the breakup of the country. Again they are playing with fire. As long as this junta remains in power this country suffers," he claimed.

Khan also accused the government of helping to provoke the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan by allowing the country to become a base for insurgent operations against the Kabul government.

He called for immediate negotiations with the Soviet-backed Kabul government.

Iraq closes Habash's PFLP office

BEIRUT, April 25 (R) — Iraq has closed down the Baghdad bureau of George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) and ordered its personnel to leave. PFLP spokesman Bassam Abu Sharif said Friday. The staff was leaving for Beirut, he said.

Somalia's refugees face starvation

OTTAWA, Canada, April 25 (AP) — More than 750,000 refugees, mostly women and children, face starvation in crowded camps in the East African country of Somalia unless the international community provides more than \$100 million for food and medical aid, a Somali government representative said.

On April 3 the Iraqi government deported the Baghdad-based staff of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) in a move regarded by Arab diplomats in Beirut as part of a continuing clampdown by Baghdad on the Communist Party.

Maj. Gen. Jama Galib, minister in charge of refugees in Somalia, said at a news conference Thursday that refugees continue to arrive at the rate of 2,000 a day from eastern Ethiopia, site of a long guerrilla war.

Galib was in Ottawa to meet officials in the external affairs department and the Canadian International Development Agency.

Refugees to cost Pakistan \$44m

ISLAMABAD, April 25 (R) — The growing influx of Afghan refugees into Pakistan will cost the country at least 440 million rupees (about \$44 million) this year, Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) said Thursday.

The news agency said expenditure was expected to rise as an increasing number of refugees came from Afghanistan. It said there were more than 700,000 Afghan refugees registered by Pakistan.

Bahrain ruler begins visit to UAE

ABU DHABI, April 25 (R) — The ruler of Bahrain, Sheikh Isa Ben Salman Al-Khalifa, Friday arrived in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to start a three-day state visit, the

official Emirates News Agency said.

The ruler, who arrived by boat, is accompanied by Foreign Minister Sheikh Muhammad Ben Mubarak Al-Khalifa.

8 ministers sacked in Bangladesh

DACCA, April 25 (AP) — President Ziaur Rahman of Bangladesh Thursday sacked five cabinet ministers and three junior ministers from his council of ministers in a widely expected government shake-up.

Jute Minister Abdor Rahman Biswas, Youth Minister Khandoker Abdul Hamid and Minister for Women's Affairs Amina Rahman.

The three junior ministers dropped are the state minister for relief Dewan Taimur Reza Chowdhury, the state minister for posts and shipping Mirza Abdul Halim and the deputy minister for relief Arif Mojuddin.

The five cabinet ministers dropped are Finance Minister Mirza Nurul Huda, Land Revenue Minister Muhammad Abdu Huq,

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Variations on a theme Spanish recipes for Jeddah

By Kathy Land

JEDDAH — Variations on a Spanish theme — using spicy local chacuterie and the abundance of fresh vegetables in Jeddah — has resulted in two ideal hot weather favorites for cooking enthusiast Susan Ooslow. Lady Ooslow, wife of Sir John Ooslow, who is captain of the King's yacht, is an accomplished cook of Mediterranean foods, particularly Provencal and Spanish dishes.

The Ooslows, in fact, regard Spain as their second home. They have lived there, worked there and frequently holiday there. Their favorite haunts are Mallorca, in the Balearic Islands, and Marbella in the south, near Gibraltar.

Yachting in particular has helped their love of Spain and the Mediterranean to blossom. Sir John in the past has skippered private yachts out of Spain. And Susan picked up a lot of her culinary expertise as cook on a number of yachts on Mediterranean cruises.

Sir John's links with the sea go back some generations. One of his forebears was second in command of the British fleet at the famous Battle of Camperdown, fought against the Dutch off the Dutch coastline in 1797.

Apart from her experience as a chef on yachts Susan has cooked for a hotel in Norfolk, north east of London, and for a short time at a bistro in Sydney, Australia. Her two favorite Spanish recipes, which she has adapted to suit locally available ingredients, are a bean dish called Fabada Asturiana, which is a Basque country recipe, and the chilled soup, gazpacho.

Both are ideal hot weather luncheon dishes and are economical — overripe vegetables are perfectly fine for the soup while almost any left over meat can be used in the bean dish in place of

chacuterie. Locally available tumeric

replaces saffron in Fabada Asturiana.

Lady Ooslow's Fabada Asturiana

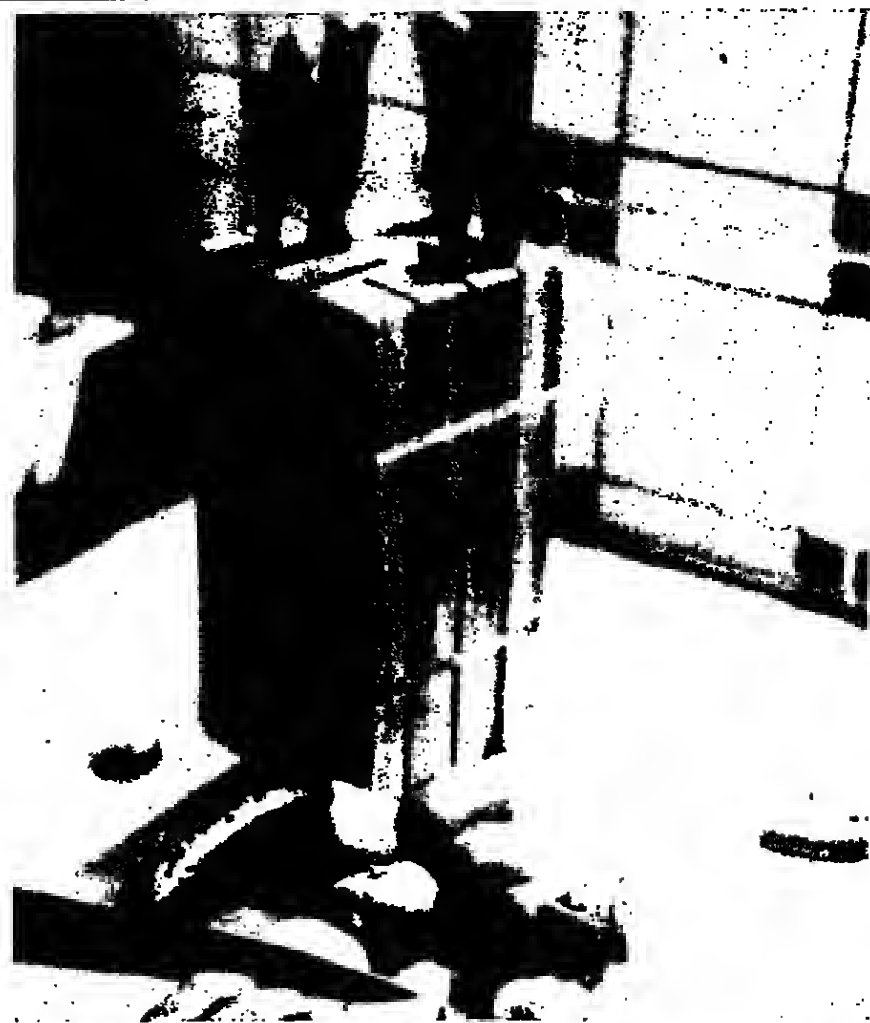
1½ kg. beans (dried butter beans, baby lima beans, or the common small white beans seen in local shops; 1 large onion; 150 mls. good Spanish olive oil; 800 g. to 1 kg. mixed chacuterie such as spicy sausage from the butcher, beef salami or even frankfurters; 1 teaspoon tumeric; salt to taste.

Soak beans for two hours. Chop onions. After beans have soaked put them in a pan with enough water to cover them. Bring to the boil. Add onions to the beans, also oil. Bring to the boil again and add all chopped sausage, chacuterie etc. Mix salt with tumeric, dilute with 1 tablespoon of water, blend into beans. Cover with well fitting lid, simmer for three hours. It is important to check from time to time that the beans are covered with water. If the level of the water boils down, add enough boiling water to keep them covered. Season with salt before serving. Serve hot. As a luncheon dish it is delicious served with a tossed green salad and crusty white bread.

Lady Ooslow's Gazpacho

Four large fresh tomatoes (overripe is fine); 2 green peppers; 2 red peppers; 2 onions; 1 large or 1 medium cucumber; garlic to taste (Susan uses lots); ½ cup good Spanish olive oil; ½ cup vinegar or to taste; large tin tomato juice.

Scald and peel tomatoes. To scald, pour over boiling water and allow to stand for a few minutes. Chop green and red peppers, onions, cucumbers and garlic. Place all vegetables in a blender, or food processor if you have one. Blend using tomato juice to help the mixing. Mix in oil, vinegar and ground black pepper. Add salt to taste. Finally and enough tomato juice to bring soup to a puree consistency.



Chill the soup in the refrigerator. Susan usually serves her gazpacho with a variety of garnishes in separate dishes which guests may add if they choose. These include: chopped black olives, chopped boiled egg, chopped onions and croutons.

In Spain, the gazpacho is served in tea

cups. For her chacuterie Susan shops at Halwani on Medina Road, near the Foreign Ministry and on the same side; and the chacuterie counter at the Sands supermarket between Medina Road and the Lebanese Hospital. She suggests sausages from the Steak House.

Joha's payment

Joha waited his turn at the shawarma stand. The fragrance of the spicy, sizzling meat wafted through the air. Joha looked longingly at the huge, stacked roll of lamb suspended on the vertical skewer. The meat cutter wielded his knives, slashing them about with a great flourish. He began concentrating intently with his tongue following the curve of his lips, deftly slicing off slivers of meat dripping with juices and placing them on fresh baked, flat loaves of bread which he rolled into a sandwich.

In front of Joha, an old, white-bearded beggar took out a flat loaf of stale bread from his torn sack, with feeble fingers, and laid it on top of the huge roll of meat. The meat cutter glared at the old man, incredulous, and asked grudgingly, "What are you doing?"

The old man humbly replied, "I am catching the aroma of the meat on my bread with the steam." The meat cutter, quite annoyed,

said, "That will cost 2 girsch," holding out his greasy hand. The beggar cried, "But I am poor and haven't any money and I only wanted the smell of the meat."

Joha watching, stepped forward and waved, "Malish" (never mind). "I will pay for the old man." The meat cutter waited for his money. Joha put his hands in his pockets and began shaking them. A jingling of coins were heard. Joha shook so hard that the coins sounded like bells ringing and the noisy crowd of people that were bustling about in the square stopped in amazement, as they thought a parade was about to start.

The meat cutter looked around him, flustered, and demanded, "Well where is the payment, give it to me." Joha still shaking his pockets, answered, "I am paying you with the sound, like you charged the old man for the smell."

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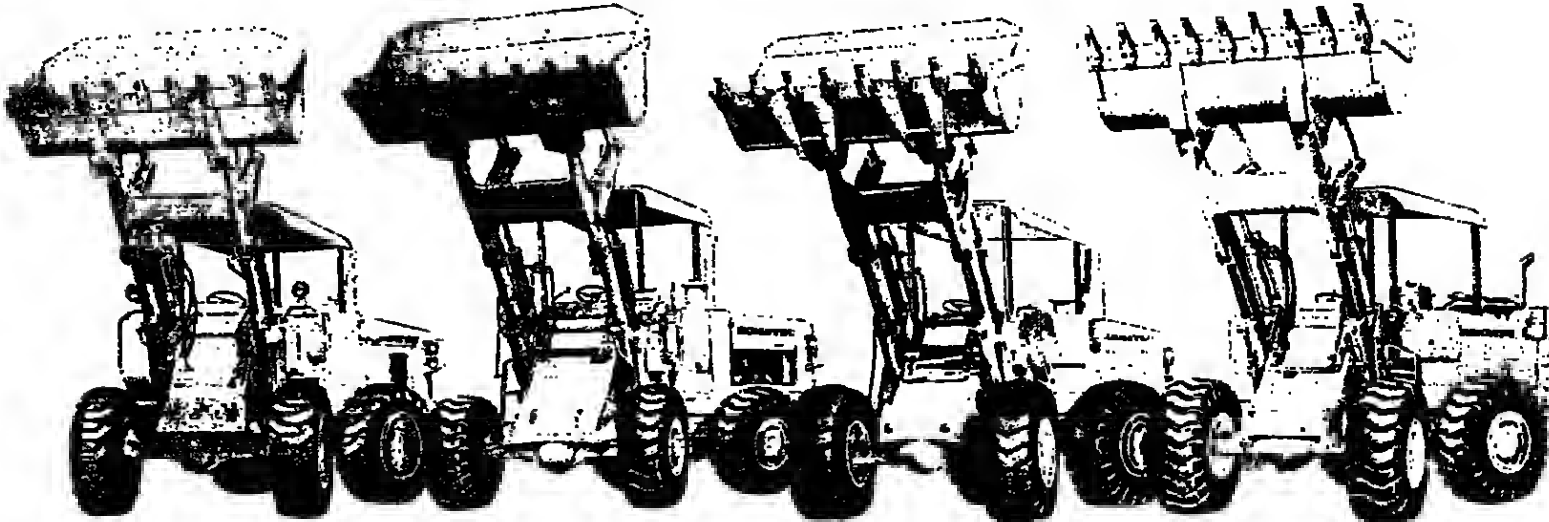


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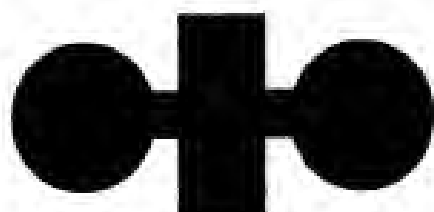
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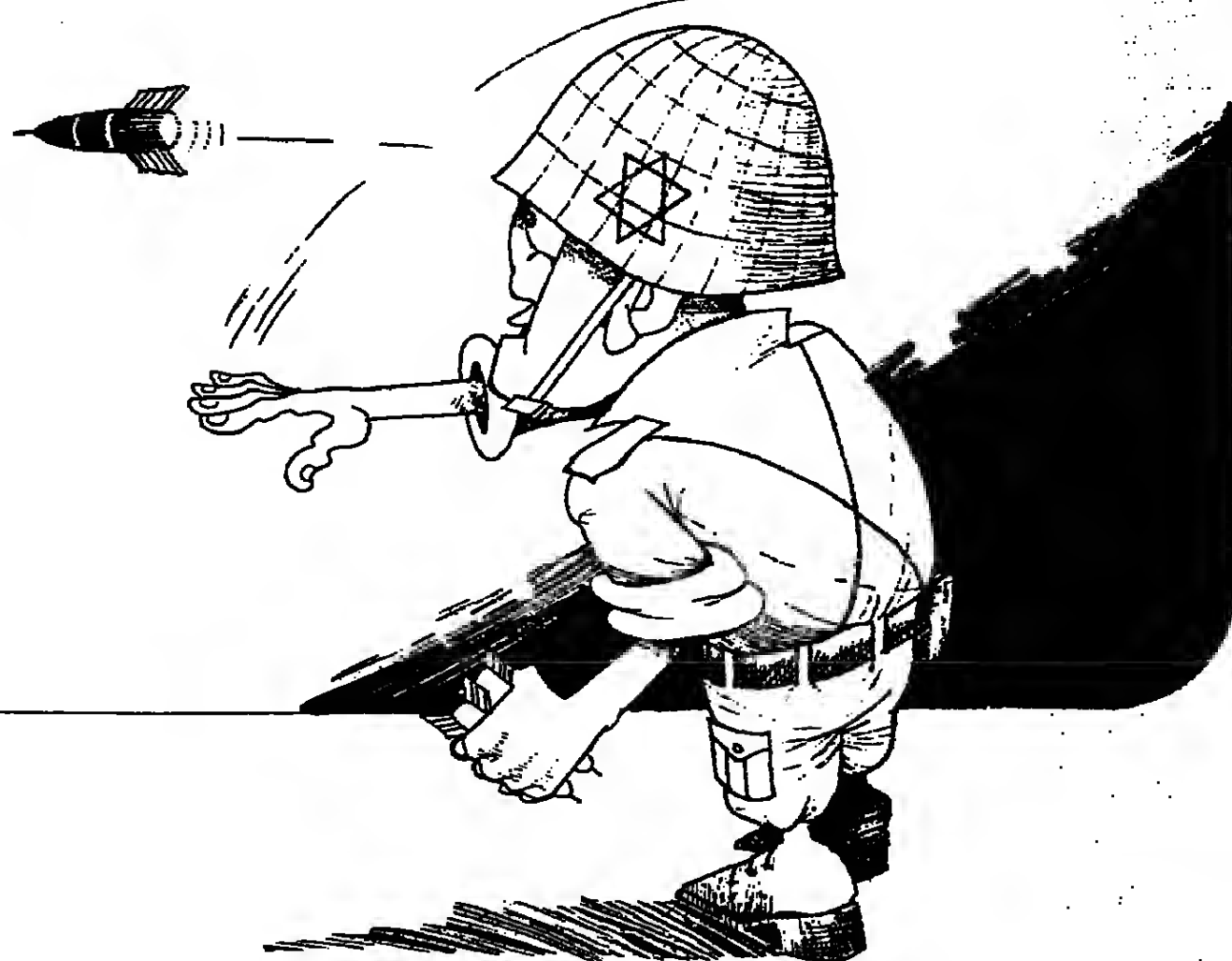
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Fulbright on U.S. foreign policy

(EDITOR'S NOTE: J. W. Fulbright, Democrat of Arkansas, who served in the Senate from 1944 to 1974 and who was chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, practices law in Washington.)

By J. W. Fulbright

WASHINGTON — The dramatic decline in America's fortunes during the last 20 years should not have come as a surprise to Americans. After World War II, the U.S. ascent to superpower status so quickly, with so little experience in the labyrinth of world affairs, imposed upon it responsibilities that it was ill-equipped to discharge.

During the first two centuries of America's history, the great wealth derived from the exploitation of its rich land induced in Americans the illusion that their wealth was inexhaustible and that their "manifest destiny" was to lead the world to salvation.

Americans forgot or ignored the wise counsel of George Washington in his farewell address: "It is our true policy to steer clear of permanent alliances with any portion of the foreign world... The nation which indulges towards another an habitual hatred, or an habitual fondness, is in some degree a slave. It is a slave to its animosity or to its affection, either of which is sufficient to lead it astray from its duty and its interest."

America's current misfortunes, or in the words of President Carter, our "malaise," are primarily attributable to unwise commitments in foreign affairs. The U.S. involvement in Vietnam and Cambodia, in the Bay of Pigs, the U-2 affair, the Middle East, and its neglect of the United Nations suggest a lack of clear understanding of America's

proper role in world affairs. Americans appear to be slaves to both their animosity and their affection and unaware of their own nation's interest.

In further support of Washington's advice, I may recall Alexis de Tocqueville's observation in his *Democracy in America*: "I do not hesitate to say that it is especially in the conduct of their foreign relations that democracies appear to me decidedly inferior to other governments... Foreign politics demand scarcely any of those qualities which are peculiar to a democracy; they require, on the contrary, the perfect use of almost all those in which it is deficient...."

It is, of course, unnecessary to consult Washington or Tocqueville to know that Americans have problems with their foreign affairs; they are obvious in so many quarters.

In this election year, when the U.S. foreign relations are in disarray and its economy is faltering under the impact of unprecedented inflation, is there anything that can be done to restore a sense of purpose and of confidence in its ability to manage its foreign affairs effectively? I believe there is.

In times of unusual turmoil or trouble, there are precedents for the creation of special commissions or panels of qualified non-governmental statesmen to consider and advise the U.S. about its critical problems. After World War II, plans for the reordering of governmental procedures affecting domestic affairs were developed by the Hoover Commission, and the Murphy Commission performed the same function regarding foreign affairs. Many activities such as U.S. cultural or information agencies have advisory commissions of respected private citizens. Other governments often use special commissions to study and advise about sensitive and controversial subjects.

China fights air pollution

By Dennis Bloodworth

SINGAPORE —

Back in 1958, gaudy banners promised, "China will overtake Britain in 15 years," and in some senses China has.

The *Peking Youth Daily* now reports that "sulphur dioxide in the air at Shenyang is 65 per cent higher than in London, and in Lanzhou there is 26 times as much soot."

Factories have polluted the water of 41 Chinese cities, discharges of arsenic, sodium cyanide and other chemicals have poisoned people, crops, cattle, pigs, fish, snakes and even elephants.

Atmospheric pollution has stricken workers in 20,000 plants with lung disease, and American experts say that in Peking pollution is six times higher than the recommended safety level.

According to the director of the Chinese government's Environmental Protection Office, 10 million tons of soot and 15 million tons of sulphur dioxide float up from factory furnaces and household fires every year, and the country produces 200 million tons of solid waste.

In 1971 the Chinese launched an ill-fated anti-

pollution campaign inspired by Chairman Mao's dictum that all action "should proceed from the interests of the people."

With an impoverished population whose "interests" lay largely in finding a practical purpose for everything from non-returnable cans to night-soil, the call to end pollution caused by the "three wastes" — gas, water and slag — was a challenge to their native genius. For the three wastes were to be eliminated by converting them into something useful.

The rubbish from one plant became the raw material of smaller subsidiaries built around it. Sulphur dioxide and discarded ammonia were broken down to yield fertilizer, refinery "tail" gases rematerialized as plastics and synthetic rubber.

Industrial sewage was recycled to irrigate farmlands, bricks without straw were conjured from the spoil of open-cast mines, fuel was extracted from cotton seed shells. It was claimed that waste from one Peking distillery alone was converted into 20 side-products ranging from hydrogen to hormones.

But Mao's often uneconomical modification of an industrial system to produce clean air and water introduced a new list of "wastes" — time, money

and manpower. In 1974 the *Red Flag* stressed that "fulfilling and overfulfilling the state's production plans" must come first, and in 1977 it was ingeniously argued that, since the more developed China was, the better it could fight pollution, "to slow down or stop the development would be putting the cart before the horse."

The priorities were plain — and so were the results. Late last year the *People's Daily* ran the headline, "Air pollution in Peking stuns foreign experts." "Heavy smog scares away birds — Meetings bog down because of loud noise."

Under new management that puts practice before politics, China is now sifting worthless Maoist gimmicks from workable policies for fighting filth, and facing up to the problem of pollution without seeking a solution in slogans.

The first Chinese anti-pollution ship is monitoring the giant Yangtze River, the republic's first environmental protection law was ratified in September, and last month 100 scientists attending a conference on the environment urged that all provinces should fine factories and managers that flout it. — (OFNS)

Bangladesh tribesmen win new deal

By Sonanda Datta-Ray

DACCA — After an unsuccessful military campaign to stamp out rebellion in the hills and jungles of Chittagong, Bangladesh has extended a political olive branch to 500,000 Buddhist tribesmen who have been waging a secessionist war since 1972.

The new strategy was announced recently when the Prime Minister, Shah Azizur Rahman, set up a five-man parliamentary committee to investigate the insurrection. It includes the home minister, two members of Gen. Ziaur Rahman's ruling Bangladesh National Party, and two opposition members of parliament.

Officially the committee's mandate is to study only law and order in the Chittagong hill tracts, wedged between Burma and India. But its secretary, Salahuddin Kader Chowdhury, a young Muslim League MP, who in fact forced the prime minister's hand with the persistence of his revelations, sees the exercise as Dacca's first realistic attempt to come to grips with the cause of guerrilla insurgency.

Chowdhury interprets his mission as an effort to understand Buddhist fears, reconcile tribal identity with the government's Islamic philosophy and create a firm basis for national unity.

Gen. Zia was also under pressure from the 1971 liberation war hero and the country's first commander-in-chief, Gen. M.A.G. Osmany, who has backed the campaign for a political rather than military solution.

The success of the campaign is partly explained by the nervousness, very apparent in Dacca, that Mrs. Indira Gandhi's India might again be tempted to incite disgruntled elements in Bangladesh.

Under Janata and Lok Dal rule, New Delhi followed a strictly non-interventionist policy, but many Bangladeshis are convinced Mrs. Gandhi might send in arms and men to back Gen. Zia's domestic enemies.

They point out that the Chittagong rebel leader, Manamendra Nath Lalma, has been given sanctuary in the Indian state of Tripura. Another guerrilla fighter who has escaped from Bangladesh justice into India is the notorious Tiger Siddiqui.

A more compelling reason for Dacca's conciliatory approach could lie in the sharp and sudden intensity of the Chittagong conflict, exposing a conventional army's handicaps in rough terrain. Chowdhury says an entire company of Bangladesh soldiers (including an army major) was gunned down by the rebels about a month ago.

Several thousand tribesmen are believed to have joined the underground army, which is known as the Shanti Bahini or Peace Force. The most important group among them is the Chakma tribe, whose hereditary ruler, Tridib Roy, was friend of the former Pakistan premier, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, and lives as an exile in Pakistan. His young son has arrived in Dacca and will shortly be enthroned as ruler. (OFNS)

saudi press review

Weekend newspapers led with the Council of Ministers' decision to declare the British ambassador to the Kingdom persona non grata and postpone the Saudi ambassador-designate's presentation of credentials in London. They said the decision was taken in view of the British government's attitude toward the screening of *Death of Princess* on British television. They also gave prominence to the Council's decision to review economic relations with Britain and activities of British companies in Saudi Arabia.

In a prominent front-page story, *Al Riyadh* quoted Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algosaihi as saying that industrial projects have succeeded because of the country's free economy. The newspapers highlighted on their front pages a meeting between King Khalid and South Yemen's Deputy Foreign Minister Abdo Ali Abdul Rahman, who handed a message of friendship from Ali Nasser

Muhammad, the new president of South Yemen.

Newspaper editorials expressed satisfaction with the Council of Ministers' decision on Saudi-British relations.

Al Riyadh said that the British people should have realized that colonial days are over now. Third World peoples are no longer to accept slavery, it said. The paper said that the British withdrew from their colonies in total moral and economic degradation and learned nothing from the experience. The deterioration in Saudi-British relations was the result of the British government's negative attitude, the paper said. Saudi Arabia responded to uphold its dignity and honor, said the editorial.

In an editorial, *Al Jazirah* said that regard for basic norms and principles is essential in international relations. The British government's negative attitude clearly showed its collusion in the

screening of the film and its encouragement of the producers to vilify Saudi Arabia and Islam, it said. The paper added that Britain should have given honorable and reciprocal treatment to Saudi Arabia by not allowing the television channel to attack this country and its faith. It said it was in Saudi Arabia's power to be firm toward those who try to play with its principles and laws.

Supporting the government's decision to expel the British ambassador, *Okaz* said the move was made in light of the British government's stance on the campaign against Saudi Arabia and Arab values. The paper said it was confident that similar action will be taken against anyone who feels tempted to distort Islam, and said that the West still had the opportunity to rectify its position and respecting the sentiments and values of others.

Dealing with the British media's malicious campaigns against Islam and Saudi Arabia, *Al Bilad*

strongly condemned the attacks and said that Britain had a long history of creating tension and disorder in the region. But the region has now changed and its people are now capable of managing their own affairs without Britain, it said. The paper endorsed the Council of Ministers' decision against Britain which, it said, was to defend the Kingdom's sovereignty and interests.

Denouncing the British government's attitude toward the screening of the film, *Al Nadwa* said in an editorial that the British government banned the showing of the film *Seal* some time ago, but did not hesitate to permit the screening of a film blatantly offensive to the Kingdom and Islam. The paper wondered how the British could be so considerate of an animal on the one hand and so malicious to innocent people on the other. The paper said it was strange that the British government expressed surprise over the decision of the Council of Minis-

ters on Anglo-Saudi relations.

The paper said it was most regrettable that someone should think of establishing cooperation with another party and, at the same time, make attempts to vilify it and distort its culture, civilization and religion. It said it was confident that the Saudi Arabian government will take similar steps at the appropriate time against countries that capitulate to Zionist pressure and do everything to serve the Zionist interests.

Al Bilad devoted its editorial to the Lebanese situation. It highlighted the Lebanese premier's warning against the risks to national reconciliation and reiterated that the Lebanese should feel duty-bound to aid other Arab states to salvage the country from turmoil. The paper hoped that the parties concerned will unite and stop bloodshed and destruction now taking place in South Lebanon as a result of Israeli aggression.



A study in the past and present Author shines light on history of Arabs

By F.W. Rawding

JEDDAH — This brilliant summary of the history of the Arabs from the beginnings to the present day is written sympathetically by Mansfield who is an authoritative writer and broadcaster on the Middle East. He was educated at Winchester and Cambridge and in 1955, joined the British Foreign Service. He went to MECAS, in Beirut, to study Arabic. In 1956 he resigned from the Foreign Office in protest over the attack on Suez. Afterwards, he remained in the Middle East as correspondent and editor of a number of influential papers and journals. Mansfield has written books on Egypt, Nasser and the Ottomans. He has concealed his general partiality to the Arab position in contemporary alignments.

This book is divided into three parts. The Arab Past, The Arab World Today and the Arabs Today. Part One is the major section and it covers 356 pages of closely organized historical exposition.

In common with all the major histories, Mansfield first chapter identifies the Arabs both as a Semitic people, nomadic and settled, who in ancient times occupied the Peninsula and as those who in later periods have adopted the language and the unifying culture of Islam. The first spring of this culture was in poetry. Ibn Rashid, quoted by Mansfield, shows how important this aspect of culture was.

"Whatever a poet emerged in an Arab tribe the other tribes would come and congratulate it. Feasts would be prepared and the women would gather together playing on lutes as people do at weddings. Men and boys alike would exchange the good news, for the poet was a defense to their honor and a protection for their good reputation." (In passing, Ibn Rashid shows, also what significance honor holds in the Arab psychology).

Mansfield briefly covers the emergence of Islam, stressing the essential simplicity of the faith. Then he describes 'The Great Arab Explosion' and the establishment of the Arab Empire that reached its highest point of power and splendour under the Abbasids. An analysis of the long decline follows. Mansfield is meticulous in his selection of supporting quotations from a wide spectrum of authorities both traditional and modern. His footnotes and references are helpful and his style is extremely readable.

The reaction of Europe against the rise of Islam is dealt with in a chapter *The West Counterattacks* and as most other histories have already shown, it was the West that gained most from the encounter and the Muslims, on the whole, who were the more honorable.

With the arrival of the Sixteenth Century the great majority of the Arabs became subjects of the Ottomans, and the greatness of the Arabs seemed to have been extinguished forever. The intensity of their feeling of past grandeur, Mansfield points out, is an essential ingredient in understanding their contemporary attitudes, especially because of their unique contribution to Islam.

He quotes W.C. Smith's *Islam in Modern History* to support this theme, 'The Arab sense of bygone splendour is superb. One cannot begin to understand the modern Arab if one lacks a perspective feeling for this.'

Although Islam survived the battering of Mongol and Frank the effect was a withdrawal from contact with the outside world and this, in turn, led to a decline in science and technology in which the West began to predominate. By the time Europe began its assault upon the heartland of Islam, the Arab provinces of the Ottoman Empire. Mansfield suggests, European knowledge, technique and material strength was infinitely superior. *The West Invades* is a chapter in which

Mansfield describes the rivalries of the European powers, chiefly France and Britain, and their dog fighting over Egypt, North Africa, the Gulf and South Arabia. In this analysis, France comes out of it rather worse than Britain, if only because Britain made no attempt at cultural imperialism. The French were determined to Frankify their Arab world colonies. (The visitor in Morocco, even today,

The Arabs, Peter Mansfield. Pelican (Penguin) Books, London, 1978 - reprinted 1979. Paperback, 572 pp. £1.50

has difficulty in finding anyone who is prepared to speak with him in Arabic.)

Mansfield deals next with the *Rise of Arab Nationalism* and the first challenge to the Ottomans mounted from the central deserts of Arabia by the Al Sa'ud and the followers of Muhammad Ibn Abdul Wahhab. The importance of Egypt, also, in the evolution of Arab Nationalism is given a correct emphasis. Pressure on the archaic political institutions of the Ottoman Empire maintained by the Western educated Young Turks gradually produced constitutional movement. In 1908 the first parliament of the new dispensation met to universal rejoicing in the Arab provinces. Mansfield points out, though, that the object of the reformers was not to throw off the Turkish yoke, but to modernize the empire in order to strengthen it against the West.

The next phase was the Arab Revolt in the Hejaz, which inevitably became embroiled in the rivalries of the European powers and betrayed by their pursuit of their own imperial interests.

The Sykes-Picot Agreement was drawn up in 1916 to divide the whole of Iraq and Syria into spheres of British and French influence. Mansfield quotes George Antonins, an Arab writer who describes the agreement as 'a shocking document'. In effect, the whole of the Arab heartland was to be taken over and only the 'backward and unprofitable' areas to be left in Arab hands. The ambivalent role which T.E. Lawrence played in these affairs has been well documented elsewhere and Mansfield touches on it briefly.

The effects of the Balfour Declaration of 1917, from which most of the sorrows of the contemporary Arab world emerge, are dealt with very precisely as is the Arab reaction to Zionism. He points out that the phrase in Balfour, 'the existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine', refers to a population of 700,000 Arabs, some of whom had been settled there for a thousand years, others, even longer, (there was only a handful of Jews, settled almost entirely in Jerusalem).

After the Great War, the Peace Conference met to divide the spoils among the victorious allies, chiefly Britain and France, and what Mansfield calls 'The Great Deception' occurred. While Britain encouraged the settlement of Zionists in Palestine and engineered the absorption into the Empire of Iraq, France was creating Le Grand Liban at the expense of Syria.

Mansfield quotes a passage from a memorandum made by Balfour in 1919, while the Peace Conference was in progress, to find all the evidence needed to justify the Arabs' sense of betrayal at the hands of the West. 'The Four Great Powers are committed to Zionism and be it good or bad, right or wrong, it is rooted in age long tradition, in

present needs and in future hopes of far profounder import than the desires and prejudices of the 700,000 Arabs who now inhabit that ancient land. In my opinion, that is right. What I have not been able to understand is how it can be harmonised with the Anglo-French Declaration, the Covenant and the instructions to the Commission of Enquiry. In fact, so far as Palestine is concerned, the Powers have made no statement of fact that is not admittedly wrong and no declaration of policy which, at least in the letter, they have not always intended to violate.

Mansfield now traces the evolution of Arab Nationalism between the two World Wars country by country. Oil entered the equation in the Thirties. This brought about a strengthening of the Western grip on Arab lands and the arrival into the region of the United States, which has not been an unqualified blessing for the Arabs.

President Truman's demand, in 1945, that 100,000 Jews should be immediately allowed into Palestine and that unrestricted Jewish immigration should be permitted, severely handicapped belated British attempts to reconcile conflicting interests. Israel came into existence, in 1948, by default. The Soviet Union and the United States raced to recognize the new, unwelcome and alien state. Mansfield calls this part of his exposition *Disaster in Palestine*.

He deals next with the revolution in Egypt, the rise of Nasser and attempts at Arab Unity. He explains lucidly the evolution of radical and traditionalist policies which have bedevilled inter-Arab relations for more than a generation. The final expulsion of the European powers from the Arab world makes dramatic reading. Mansfield treats the Arab-Israeli conflict in context and he puts the year 1973 as the bench mark for the indisputable arrival of the Arabs as a power in the affairs of the contemporary world.

Part Two of Mansfield's absorbing study, *The Arab World Today*, brings the story up to 1978 in a survey of the evolution of each Arab country. This is the most immediately relevant part of the book and it draws upon all Mansfield's considerable experience in the region. Saudi Arabia is sketched in a most enlightening way and after describing the attitudes of young Saudis he met studying in the United States, Mansfield makes the point: 'The truth is that however much a Saudi may admire the technical achievements of Western society, there are very few who do not retain a strong latent pride in their own distinctive heritage ... they have the lowest crime rate in the world. Muggings for a few dollars are unknown in Saudi Arabia.'

The final part of the book, *The Arabs Today*, is a short section, looking at the Arabs through their own and Western eyes. Mansfield exposes and demolishes some of the more fatuous prejudices which are still current in the West about Arabs and disposes of the faulty generalizations. He also points out, quite fairly, that some of the wounds of the Arabs are self-inflicted. One of their greatest defects is their enormous capacity for quarrelling another and not far behind, is a facility for self delusion.

We ends this important, very readable and compassionate book, however, on an optimistic note.

'I believe the Arabs have a unique opportunity to enhance the unity of mankind by acting as a link between Europe and the West and the peoples of Africa and Asia. In certain important respects they belong to all of them ... The growing sense of achievement of the Arabs ... Will strengthen their self confidence and reduce the sense of injured pride. Nostalgia for past greatness will no longer be a national handicap, but a minor self indulgence.'



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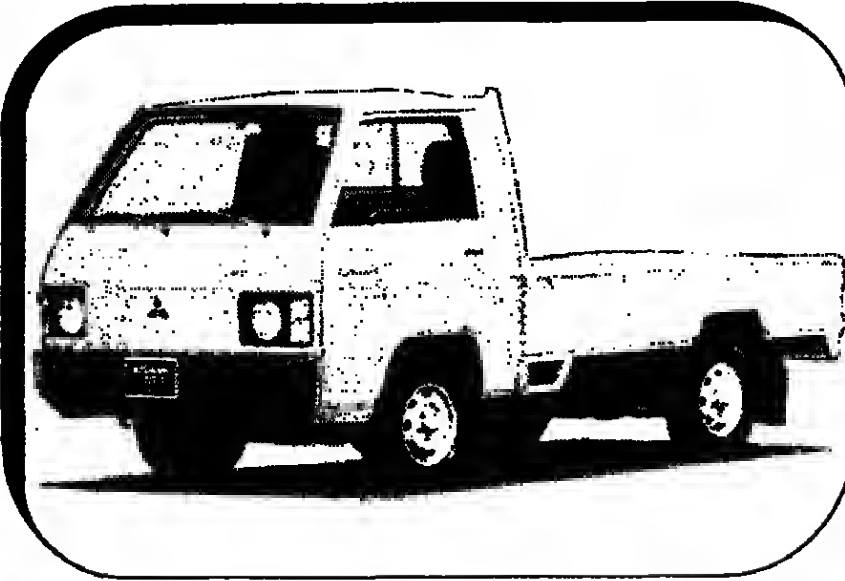
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Killed in Delhi Sikhs mourn Singh

NEW DELHI, April 25 (AP) — Thousands of mourning, weeping followers Friday thronged the Delhi home of Gur-bachan Singh, a religious leader assassinated late Thursday by unidentified assailants.

A police official told a reporter that no arrests had yet been made in connection with the killing of Singh, who headed the breakaway Nirankari sect, denounced by orthodox followers of the Sikh religion. Police were "working on some clues," he said, but would not elaborate.

Meanwhile, India's Prime Minister Indira Gandhi held a 30-minute meeting with leaders of the movement and relatives of Singh, who was shot and killed in northwest Delhi as he stepped out of his car near his home while returning from a prayer meeting.

Singh's bodyguard was also gunned down and at least three others including the

leader's 48-year-old wife Kaur, were wounded in the attack.

A Nirankari follower said that there were about "12,000 persons" at the sect's headquarters. "We hardly have space to accommodate them in our grounds," he said.

Singh, in his 50's, was the guru or revered leader of the Nirankaris, whose followers include men wearing turbans and beards like orthodox Sikhs. The conservative Sikhs do not believe in living gurus and oppose the Nirankaris and their writings.

Nineteen persons died in a clash between Nirankaris and orthodox Sikhs April 13, 1979, in Amritsar, northern India. Singh escaped several earlier attempts on his life, at least two of them bloody ambushes in which both some of his followers and orthodox Sikhs died.

Negotiations fruitful

Colombia solution near

BOGOTA, April 25 (R) — An end to the occupation of the Dominican Republic embassy here seemed nearer Friday after meetings between guerrillas holding 16 diplomats hostage, government officials and members of a visiting human rights group.

The guerrillas of the M-19 organization had two meetings Thursday with government negotiators in a van parked in front of the embassy. Altogether 21 rounds of talks have now taken place since the guerrillas stormed the embassy on Feb. 27.

After the second meeting, an official communiqué said "less distance was noted" in the positions of both sides.

Four members of the visiting Inter-American Human Rights Commission

entered the embassy Thursday and later reported to President Julio Cesar Turbay Ayala.

No details were revealed, but the commission members later paid a second visit to the embassy.

Cuba's ambassador to Colombia visited the embassy Thursday.

The reason for his visit was not disclosed, but diplomatic sources recalled that Cuban President Fidel Castro last month told Colombia that he was prepared to receive the guerrillas with their hostages and leaving prisoners whose release they had demanded.

The sources said they believed both sides were near an agreement and only technical details were now being worked out.

Anderson quits Republican race

WASHINGTON, April 25 (Agencies) — Republican Congressman John Anderson, who Thursday dropped out of the Republican presidential race and declared himself an independent, has returned to the election fray expressing belief that U.S. voters want a third choice next November.

The 58-year-old moderate liberal from Illinois said that if elected to the White House he would form a government of "national unity" in place of the traditional Democratic or Republican administrations.

Anderson, launching his campaign at a crowded press conference Thursday, cited polls showing that about half of the voters were dissatisfied with a choice between President Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan, the probable Democratic and Republican nominees.

"The danger is that a significant portion of the nation may choose not to participate in the political process," he said.

The silver-haired congressman, who failed to win any primary elections in campaigning for the Republican nomination, faces an uphill battle in his new role. He estimated needing to raise between \$10 million and \$12 million for a "credible effort" in a country long resistant to independent and third party candidates.

One of his biggest problems will be to get his name on election ballots in individual states, including five whose filing deadlines have already passed.

Anderson denied any intention to be a "spoiler" who could create a deadlock in the November election. But he said he expected this argument to be used against him as a scare tactic.

A forceful speaker, he charged that the Carter administration had been totally unable to halt economic decline. He described Reagan's conservative political views as "simplistic and primitive." Reagan now has only one main rival for the Republican nomination, former Central Intelligence Agency Director George Bush, who is far behind him in committed support at the party's nominating convention in July.



Rep. John Anderson

Bush, campaigning in Michigan, described Anderson's independent bid as doomed to failure. He also complained that Anderson should have dropped out of the Republican race earlier because the Illinois congressman had taken votes away from him.

"I have chosen this course of action because it is now clear that I cannot attain a majority of the delegates who will be attending the Republican national convention in July," Anderson said in announcing his decision.

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Foreign diplomats flock to Zimbabwe

Onetime Rhodesia foes open missions, offer generous aid

SALISBURY, April 25 (AP) — Slightly more than a week old Zimbabwe is already a honeypot for rival foreign governments anxious to stake a claim in the strategic, mineral and agriculturally rich land.

After ten years with only two small foreign missions — South Africa and Portugal — Salisbury is now home for diplomats from Britain, the United States, France, Portugal, India and Zambia.

At least 26 other nations have announced they will soon establish diplomatic links with Britain's last African colony, which became independent at midnight last Thursday, and many more are interested.

"It's like a winter sale at Woolworths," a foreign ministry official said of the rash of letters, cables and calls from countries that snipped all ties with what was then Rhodesia following the white minority government's unilateral declaration of a republic in 1970 after 1965 rebellion against Britain.

The whites surrendered power after a seven-year guerrilla war against blacks, who outnumber them 25 to one. Former guerrilla leader Robert Mugabe became Zimbabwe's prime minister after British-supervised elections in February.

Up to \$6 billion in a nation with an annual budget of 1.5 billion was needed over the next five years to resettle one million refugees and rebuild the war-shattered economy.

Initial post-independence pledges from mainly Western countries tally some \$440



PRISONERS FREED: Prisoners cheer as they leave a Salisbury jail after an amnesty declared by Prime Minister Robert Mugabe. Conciliatory gestures like this one have led old foes of white Rhodesia to offer black-ruled Zimbabwe generous aid.

million. No substantive offers of aid have been made by the East Bloc which helped arm and supply the guerrillas through the war. "We don't like tied aid," said an aide to Mugabe, "and that's the sort of aid they dish out, to create client states indefinitely."

Britain, the United States, the European Economic Community and the United Nations are the chief donors. Mil-

lions have also been promised by Iraq and Nigeria.

The diplomat invited first to present credentials will, by tradition, become the senior man of the diplomatic corps and its spokesman.

Already Britain is being tipped as the favored nation after sponsoring constitutional talks last year leading to a cease-fire and elections.

Deaths hasty, says official Liberia paper

MONROVIA, April 25 (AP) — The executions this week in Liberia of the first 13 officials of the ousted Tolbert regime to be tried since the April 12 military coup were "too hasty," the New Liberia, official organ of the information ministry here, said in an editorial.

"Almost everybody had expected that some would be executed after a thorough probe and after they were found guilty," it said Thursday. "But the executions Tuesday took everybody by surprise. Our contention is that the execution of the first set tried was too hasty."

Asking that there be no more executions, the New Liberia acknowledged however that "the feeling on the home front is that if there is going to be no more executions, then certain persons — some still at large and some arrested but not yet tried — have been left out."

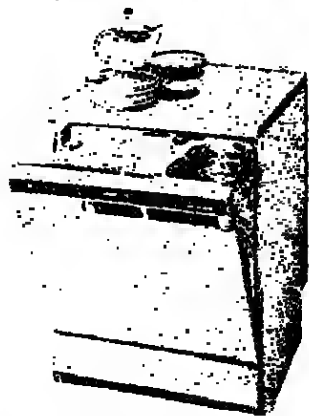
The paper named in particular former Police Chief Varney Deopeter, National Security Minister Burleigh Holder, and onetime Justice Minister Oliver Wright, and commented that "in this case, the PRC (People's Redemption Council) is torn between international opinion and national feeling."

Prof declines money

LONDON, April 25 (AP) — British historian Hugh Thomas, a critic of excessive government, has lived up to his principles.

Named winner of a \$17,000 Arts Council literary award for his latest book, *An Unfinished History of the World*, in which he attributed the decay of present-day civilization to too much intervention by the state, Thomas refused to take the money.

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Castro to unlock exits for emigrants

KEY WEST, Florida, April 25 (AP) — The government of Fidel Castro will open the doors of Cuba to all Cuban citizens waiting to leave the island, a prominent Cuban exile leader said Friday.

He told me the Cuban government won't put any obstacles (in the way of) the people who want to leave the country," said Vilaboa, a member of the Exile Committee of 75 which negotiated with Castro in 1978 for the release of some 3,000 political prisoners.

He said the people who want to go to the United States, they (Cuban authorities) won't push them to other countries," said Vilaboa, adding he understood the policy also would apply to air evacuations.

Until a plane load of 107 Cubans arrived in Costa Rica Thursday, the air evacuation of refugees had been stalled over Cuba's insistence that refugees be only flown to countries that would accept them on a permanent basis.

Meanwhile, nine boats carrying a total of 536 refugees had arrived here by late Thursday, U.S. immigration officials said, bringing to 1,004 the number who have landed since Sunday, when Castro told exiles living in Florida they could pick up refugees at the port of Mariel, gateway for the boatlift.

The offer came two weeks after more than 10,000 Cubans jammed into the Peruvian embassy in Havana, seeking safe passage out of their Communist homeland.

The massive influx of Cubans into the U.S. posed a sticky problem for the U.S. State Department, which at the same time is faced with requests by Haitian refugees to be granted political asylum. Haitians, who also are arriving by the hundreds, claim their situation does not differ from that of the Cubans. State Department spokesman Thomas Reston said the Coast Guard was under instructions to broadcast warnings that picking up the Cuba immigrants was illegal. U.S. immigration officials have said boat owners

could be fined or charged with smuggling.

U.S. officials speculated Castro's announcement could trigger an exodus of hundreds of thousands. A stern statement from Washington said the boatlift was undermining integration efforts to evacuate the estimated 9,500 Cubans still in the Peruvian embassy compound.

The State Department had intended to accept 3,500 of the refugees from the embassy, with the remainder headed to other countries.

Boat operators have ignored State Department reminders that bringing illegal aliens into the country is against the law. One of 200 Cubans aboard his 4-foot *Sargolero*, said Thursday morning, "I'm not worried. I've got my family here now. I don't think this country will arrest me for rescuing my family."

But also on Thursday, the Coast Guard and the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service vowed to "enforce the federal immigration laws."

There are still continuous landings. We know that there are at least 300 en route to Cuba. It's going to get a lot busier," Key West Coast Guard Cmdr. Samuel Dennis said.

The exiles' defiance apparently delighted the Cuban government, which on Thursday used the Cuban Communist party newspaper, *Granma*, to castigate the "furious Yankee reaction to the boatlift between Mariel and Florida. ... Yankee maneuvers regarding evacuation of antisocial elements were destroyed by the firm position of Cuba."

The government's announcement of the port "opening" was similar to the 1965 opening of the port of Camarioca. Over 5,000 Cubans were picked up then by exiles who begged, borrowed or rented boats.



SAFE PASSAGE: Cuban refugees aboard the shrimp boat *Big Baby* raise their hands in gestures of triumph after arriving safely in Key West, Florida, from Havana. Some 200 persons made the trip.

Dominican Republic enters Caribbean tourism ranks

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic, April 25 (LAT) — It was a particularly brutal assassination. The victim's face was battered beyond recognition. His arm was nearly severed from his body by the frenzied violence of his enemies. This man, who had known nothing but power for 30 years, who was reputed to be the wealthiest ruler in the Western hemisphere, died with a gun in his hand as machine-gun bullets ripped through his body on a lonely stretch of Santo Domingo's scenic seaside boulevard, Avenida George Washington.

It has been nearly 20 years since Generalissimo Rafael Trujillo died scrambling frantically to save himself. What followed was a painful period of turmoil that ended in 1965 with a wild uprising on the streets of Santo Domingo — a rebellion finally crushed by the intervention of U.S. marines.

Since then the Dominican Republic has been reaching out for economic stability and political identity. To a great degree it has found both. Now, it is reaching out for something else: a place in the sun of Caribbean tourism.

All around this region tourism has boomed. The Virgin Islands boomed. Jamaica boomed. Even Haiti, which shares the island of Hispaniola with the Dominican Republic, began to grow plum with the crowds of tourists disgorged by fat jets and even faster cruise ships.

But for decades the Dominican Republic has been sitting here in the doldrums, unnoticed and bypassed. It is the biggest country in the Caribbean, except for Cuba, so big you could place all the Caribbean islands with exception of Cuba and Jamaica inside the Dominican Republic and still have plenty of room.

It has beauty, excitement and a people exceedingly tolerant and friendly toward strangers. But it has been hampered by uncertain governments, a lack of hotels and the stigma of its turbulent past.

All that is changing rapidly. President Joaquin Balaguer was in power for a decade and began the reforms and solid government that have been continued by his opposition successor, Antonio Guzman. The Dominican Republic's standard of living, despite a devastating hurricane that smashed the island last year, is now the highest in the Caribbean with the exception of the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Cayman Islands. The economy is, relatively speaking, booming.

Backed by an administration that wants increased tourism — an administration that has elevated tourism to a ministerial post in the government — the island has had a five-fold increase in tourism in only five years. The oldest of the new world nations is building and beckoning to the tourists who are tired of the same old islands.

The Dominican Republic's tourist potential is massive, and knowledgeable travelers who have sampled its low prices and stunning landscape are calling it the discovery of the decade. Yet, to understand the country's present, it is necessary to reflect on its past.

The first tourist to see the Dominican Republic was Christopher Columbus, who arrived first-class aboard the *Santa Maria* on Dec. 5, 1492.

"Fairer land human eyes have ever seen," he wrote in his ship's log, any land he saw at the time, there is undeniable beauty on this island: green plains to the south, forest-clad mountains to the west, spectacular tropical foliage and breath-taking beaches. There are miles of shoreline packed with sand as white and as fine as sugar.

To the east are the great sugar plantations. To the south is Santo Domingo, the premier city and capital (called Ciudad Trujillo during the strongman's rule). It was the first city in the hemisphere and, is rich with Spanish colonial culture and relics. In the 1500's Santo Domingo was the seat

of Western enlightenment. Here was the new world's first street, first university, first mint, first hospital and first cathedral. From this harbor Ponce De Leon set out to explore Florida for the fountain of youth, Pizarro to look for gold in Peru, Cortez to conquer Mexico.

Until 1961 when 21 insurgents conspired to kill him, Rafael Leonidas Trujillo Molina owned everything in the city and the rest of the country, too — its destiny, streets, shores, profits and people.

For 30 years Trujillo was the model for every tin-pot, medal-hogging dictator who ever ruled a Latin American country. Even when he died with 27 bullet holes in him he was on a typical Trujillo mission — a midnight meeting with one of his many mistresses, Mont Sanchez, in the city of San Cristobel 15 miles away, where Trujillo himself had grown to manhood as a gun-runner and procurer.

"His was a true totalitarian state," wrote former U.S. Ambassador John Bartlow Martin. "complete with racism, espionage, torture chambers and murder factories. His spies were everywhere, a sickness on the land."

After Trujillo, the Dominican Republic remained in chaos, its political arena hopelessly faction-ridden. In April of 1965 there was a revolution that, President Lyndon Johnson assured the world (while anti-American howls went up on the Latin continent), was endangering American lives.

Help Helicopters landed at nightfall on the polo field of the sumptuous Hotel Embajador and churned it into mud. Some marines dug fox-holes in the lawn. Some drove trucks across its gardens. And some misplaced, or otherwise caused to disappear, about \$ 30,000 worth of silverware, glassware and China.

As for the lives of the 1,200 Americans here at the time already had been evacuated to the U.S. ships in the harbor earlier in the day.

Since that time Balaguer brought stability to the country, and his successor has continued to move it toward a larger share of Caribbean tourism.

A superhighway now threads its way from the gleaming, modern airport to the capital, 12 miles away. Construction and reconstruction from the ravages of the hurricane, are rising everywhere, as the country continues its recovery from the century's worst storm there.

There is much to see in the capital. The Alcazar is a 15th century palace built by Diego Columbus, Christopher's son. The Cathedral Santa Maria La Menor dates from 1512 and purportedly holds the bones of Christopher Columbus. Calle de las Damas is the oldest street in the Western hemisphere. Elsewhere, tour guides like to point out the numerous luxurious homes, including those of old-time playboy Porfirio Rubirosa and that of Juan Marichal, the former major league pitcher who, along with the baseball brothers Matty, Felipe and Jesus Alou, are among the better-known Dominican products.

A trip to the botanical gardens is worthwhile, as is tour on the mini-trains with guides who speak impeccable English.

The palm-fringed Malecon area runs along the seafloor. It is lined with restaurants, and on Sunday afternoons young Dominicans turn out in throngs. It is along here that the Hotel Santo Domingo, the Gulf and Western organization's gem, and the new, gleaming Sberation are located. They are the city's finest.

To many, the country's greatest attractions are the Dominicans themselves. Doubtless there lingers resentment toward the U.S. intervention in 1965. But it is not to be seen. Dominicans are friendly, and they unabashedly like strangers.

Lengthy ceremony planned

Juliana's abdication slated

AMSTERDAM, April 25 (AP) — Queen Juliana of the Netherlands will abdicate Wednesday after 32 years on the throne. Her daughter, Crown Princess Beatrix, will succeed her.

Juliana announced in January that she would step aside on April 30, her 71st birthday. "As one grows older, one realizes sooner or later that one's powers decrease and that one cannot fulfill one's duties as before," she told the nation.

Seven hours of ceremony are planned for the inauguration of Beatrix, 42, as the constitutional monarch of the Netherlands and head of the centuries-old dynasty of the House of Orange.

Beatrix will become queen at about 10 a.m., at the moment Juliana signs away her

throne at the palace. Later, Juliana and Beatrix will appear on the palace balcony before introducing the new heir to the throne, Prince Willem-Alexander, an impish 13-year-old who will be the first crown prince in a half-century.

The afternoon ceremony in the 15th century Nieuwe Kerk, or New Church, will be entirely secular.

Dutch television will carry nearly every moment of the ceremonies, and will give viewers a close-up look at a coterie of royal guests: Britain's Prince Charles, Prince Albert and Princess Paolo of Belgium, Prince Henri, the Grand Duke of Luxembourg, Crown Prince Harald and Princess Sonja of Norway and Princess Christina of Sweden.

S. Africa blacks praise protesters

JOHANNESBURG, April 25 (R) — Prominent blacks have begun voicing support for the week-long schools protest by "colored" (mixed race) students and two black activists have been seized by police in a series of raids around the country.

Until Thursday South Africa's overwhelming majority of 19 million blacks had remained silent over the schools boycott, apparently because of the lack of support they received from the 2.5 million coloreds during the 1976 Soweto uprising.

The Soweto riots, which quickly spread to townships throughout South Africa, resulted in the deaths of an estimated 600 people. They were also caused by grievances over education.

Colored students are now demanding the same standard of education reserved for the country's 4.5 million white population. The schools boycott began in Cape Town eight days ago and spread to other areas of the country within a few days.

Police using tear gas and baton charges have broken up several demonstrations by coloured students, but so far the violence has come nowhere near the scale reached in 1976.

Any large-scale support by township blacks could change the situation overnight. Thursday, police arrested nine people, including two black activists, a teacher and three students in Johannesburg and the Cape Peninsula.

U.S. asks probe of alleged Soviet gas attacks

WASHINGTON, April 25 (R) — The United States is trying to organize an international investigation into reports that deadly chemicals have been used in Afghanistan and Southeast Asia, U.S. officials have said.

The under-secretary of state for security assistance, science and technology, Matthew Nimetz, told a joint meeting of two House of Representatives subcommittees looking into

chemical and biological warfare that the chances the Soviet Union had or had not used deadly chemicals in Afghanistan were about even.

He said reports by Afghan refugees that Soviet forces had used lethal weapons could be neither confirmed nor disproved, but the U.S. considered it highly likely non-lethal chemical agents had been used.

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Oil dollar recycling topic of IMF debate

HAMBURG, April 25 (R) — The problem of how to recycle huge oil revenues back into the world economy faces financial leaders meeting here to discuss worsening international economic problems.

Higher oil prices have given the oil exporting countries vast dollar reserves and experts here have warned that these could place a strain on the international banking system.

One long-debated proposal for mopping up the reserves by establishing an International Monetary Fund (IMF) substitution account, already has been written off as an immediate answer to the problem.

Finance ministers and central bankers are attending committee meetings of the 140-

oation IMF in Hamburg this week. The IMF's main policy making body, the Interim Committee, met Friday.

Hopes of an outline agreement to the substitution account faded Thursday night after a meeting between representatives of the main industrial countries, which apparently cannot agree on how the account should be backed up.

Their spokesman, Belgian Finance Minister Gaston Geens, told a press conference the date had been fixed for setting up the account.

The idea behind the substitution account is for countries, such as oil-exporting states, with surpluses of dollars on their hands to invest in the IMF in return for special drawing rights (SDRs).

It has been under discussion between major industrial countries for nearly three years, but informed sources here say it may take another year or two to put into force.

The meetings here are taking place against a background of reports from IMF experts warning of declining production, widespread unemployment and increasing inflationary pressures.

The ministers are expected to call for increased international cooperation to avert the possibility that nations might descend into economic "warfare" against each other, subsidizing their exports and partially limiting imports.

Informed sources say the leaders will warn governments of the big industrial democracies against making attempts to shift their balance of payments deficits onto other countries by using export subsidies, restricting imports or by too much deliberate depression of demand through such things as high taxes, high interest rates and extreme public spending cuts.

Experts are stressing the need for nations to tread a fine line between curbing inflation on the one hand and also taking care on the other not to send the world into a spiral toward the first major depression since the 1930s.

UAE rejects oil price hike

ABU DHABI, April 25 (Agencies) — United Arab Emirates Oil Minister Mana Said al-Oteiba has said his country will not agree to any increase in crude oil prices at present, the official Emirates news agency reported.

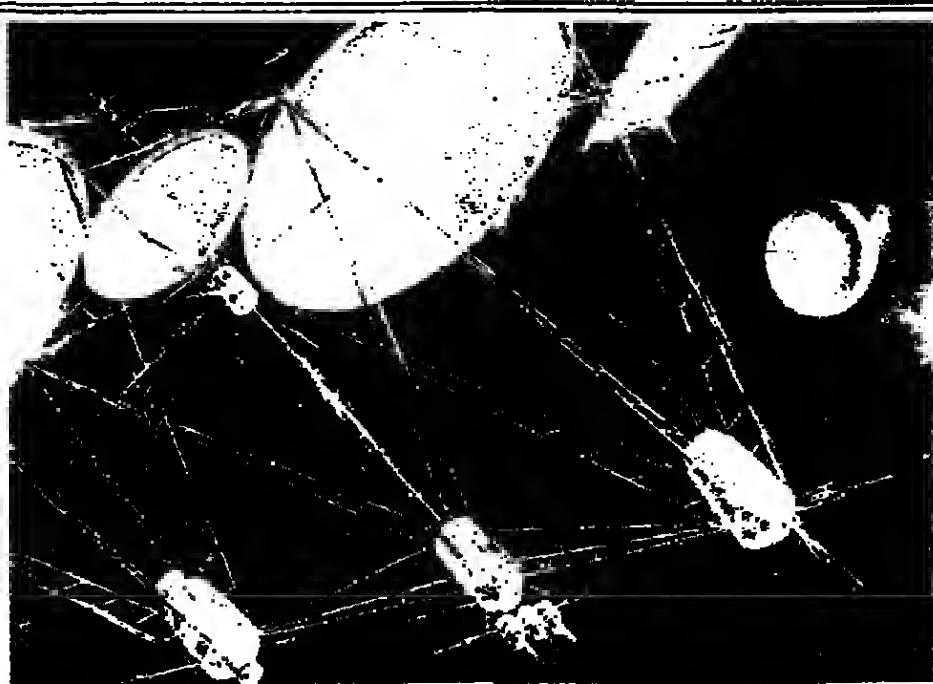
The agency quoted Oteiba as saying Friday he does not believe the world oil market could stand a further price rise at present.

Oteiba said the UAE would not agree to any new increase in prices and added that oil-producing countries had not been discussing one.

The UAE, a member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, produces about 1.8 million barrels of crude oil a day.

In Caracas, Venezuela may increase its residual fuel oil prices next week, following increasing sales of residual oil to European countries, at prices of \$2.00 to \$2.50 a barrel above Venezuela's present contract prices, says energy minister Humberto Calderon Berti.

Last month, Venezuela was forced to cut its residual fuel prices twice because of a slack in the market for this product.



SPACE COMMUNICATIONS: This U.S. Gramman Company illustration depicts a group of dish antennae that would be assembled in space as part of a future space communications project. The Public Service Platform unit will allow public (non-military) communication such as disaster control, electronic mail and an international information center to be developed using the space connections.

3 U.S. oil giants show sharp profits

NEW YORK, April 25 (AP) — Gulf Oil Corp., Conoco Inc. and Tenneco Inc., three of the United States' largest oil companies, Thursday reported sharply higher first-quarter profits and attributed the gains to the rise in world petroleum prices.

Gulf, ranked fifth, earned \$389 million in the quarter, up 56 per cent from \$249 million a year earlier. Revenues rose to \$7.8 billion from \$5.6 billion and per-share earnings climbed to \$1.99 from \$1.28.

Conoco, No. 9 in the industry, said earnings jumped 103 per cent to \$328.6 million from \$161.3 million in the first quarter of 1979. Revenues rose to \$4.3 billion from \$2.8 billion, and per-share earnings advanced to \$3.05 from \$1.50.

Shell U.K. profits topped \$1 billion

Shell U.K., a subsidiary of Royal Dutch Shell, made a gross profit of \$1.045 billion in 1979 compared with \$1.026 billion in 1978, the company reported Thursday.

The firm has paid a 100-million-pound dividend to its parent company, the first since 1975.

The marked improvement after three loss making years was due to doubled output from the North Sea to 7 million tons, higher oil prices, improved market conditions and greater efficiency, the firm said.

No. 10 Tenneco recorded first-quarter earnings of \$178 million or \$1.62 a share, up 45 per cent from \$123 million or \$1.17 a share. Revenues totaled \$3.316 billion against \$2.447 billion in the 1979 period.

The reports follow announcements of sharp earnings gains by several other oil companies, including industry leader Exxon Corp., whose first-quarter profits doubled to \$1.9 billion.

The gains come as world oil prices have doubled to about \$30 per 42-gallon barrel since early 1979, pulling up U.S. oil prices under President Jimmy Carter's program of lifting domestic crude oil price controls. The "windfall profits" tax, which took effect March 1, aims to raise \$227.3 billion from new revenues resulting from the lifting of the U.S. controls.

Gulf said the tax reduced first-quarter earnings by \$31 million and "will cost the company an estimated \$500 million for the full year."

The earnings gains for Gulf came entirely in the United States, where net income climbed 140 per cent to \$265 million as profit margins for gasoline and other fuels improved.

Overseas, as several producing countries "restricted production and diverted sales away" from major companies, Gulf's earnings dropped 37 per cent to \$66 million. Gulf said long-term foreign oil purchases fell 22 per cent to 803,000 barrels a day in the quarter, while foreign production dropped 14 per cent to 180,000 barrels daily.

Japanese search for crude Japan to buy Qatar oil

TOKYO, April 25 (Agencies) — Six Japanese trading houses, hit by the suspension of Iranian oil shipments, have signed contracts with Qatar to import a total of 125,000 barrels of crude a day, industry sources said Friday.

Under one-year direct deal contracts from this month, they will pay a premium of \$6.50 in addition to the sales price of \$29.23 for 45,000 barrels, they said.

Mitsubishi Corp., Mitsui and Company, Sumitomo Corp., Nichimen, Nissho-Iwai and C. Itoh, will pay just the sales price for the remainder of the crude from Qatar, which supplied Japan with 45,000 barrels a day last year.

The first of the premium-loaded 45,000 barrels thus will be \$35.73 a barrel slightly above the \$35 sought by Iran for its light crude, but it is of a higher grade.

Twelve Japanese importers, under orders from the trade ministry here, refused to pay a \$2.50 a barrel increase for Iran crude, which triggered a suspension of supplies.

Iran had been supplying Japan with 520,000 barrels of crude a day equivalent to 10 per cent of this country's needs.

Thursday, industry sources said two other Japanese firms, Idemitsu Kwan Kaisha and daikyo oil, had signed one-year contracts to buy extra crude totaling 110,000 barrels a day from Kuwait.

Both companies have agreed to pay a premium of \$5.50 a barrel on top of the normal purchase price of \$27.50 for the extra oil, they added.

Last year, Kuwait supplied Japan with nearly 162 million barrels of oil out of a total of 1.77 billion.

Meanwhile, the sources said that apart from Qatar and Kuwait, Japanese trading firms and oil refineries were looking to Indonesia, Mexico and the United Arab Emirates for increased oil supplies to lessen the impact of the Iranian suspension.

Indonesia's state-run Pertamina Corp. has told Japanese importers that it will increase shipments to Japan by 30,000 barrels a day from next month. At present, Japan receives 200,000 barrels daily from Pertamina, they added.

In Mexico City, Japanese Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira will try to convince a

reluctant Mexico to sell his country more oil to help Japan reduce its heavy dependence on Middle East supplies. Japan's Ambassador Nobuo Matsunaga said Thursday.

"It is Japan's intention to diversify its sources of crude oil, which are now mostly from the Middle East, and Mexico in the long-term will play a very important role in this," the ambassador said in a news conference.

He said that for the immediate future Japan "hopes to increase substantially its oil purchases from Mexico. It certainly will be one of the most important subjects to be discussed between President Jose Lopez Portillo and Prime Minister Ohira," the ambassador said.

Ohira and Foreign Minister Saburo Okita will be visiting this country May 1-4 after spending the night in Washington. They also plan a brief visit to Canada before returning home.

Mexico agreed last year to sell Japan 100,000 barrels of crude oil a day beginning in the fall, but the ambassador said it is still too little. He said Japan in exchange is ready to provide Mexico with the machinery, technical know-how and investments it needs to develop its oilfields, steel and other basic industries and modernize its railways, ports and airports.

"Trade as it stands now is not satisfactory for the two countries, volume and content must be increased," the ambassador said. Depending on the type of oil, it renegotiates the prices every three months.

But President Lopez Portillo's administration has decided to limit production to 2.5 million barrels daily for the next two years to keep down inflation that the huge influx of oil-dollars is generating.

About half that production has been earmarked for export, and officials of the state petroleum monopoly — Pemex — said virtually all of it is already contracted with 60 per cent going to the United States.

Seventy per cent of the 5 million barrels of crude oil Japan consumes daily comes from the Middle East. It has no production of its own and buys the rest from Indonesia and South America, mostly Venezuela.

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Swiss F (100)	192.00	195.00	194.70
French F (100)	77.00	78.50	78.20
Italian Lira (10,000)	38.00	38.50	38.70
Lebanese Lira (100)	97.50	97.50	97.35
Syrian Lira (100)	77.50	77.50	87.00
Egyptian Pound	4.23	4.40	4.40
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.25	12.20	12.20
Jordanian Dinar	10.94	10.90	10.90
Emirates Dirham (100)	89.80	89.80	89.80
Qatari Riyal (100)	91.00	91.00	91.00
Bahraini Dinar	8.87	8.87	8.87
Iranian Lira (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar (100)	—	—	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	73.75	73.25	73.25
Moroccan Dirham (100)	81.50	84.60	84.60
Indian Rupee (100)	—	42.20	42.20
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	33.90	33.90
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Silver kg.	—	—	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	13.33	—	13.50
Canadian Dollar	2.81	—	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	112.00	—	—
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	163.00	—	165.50
Spanish Peso	—	50.00	48.00
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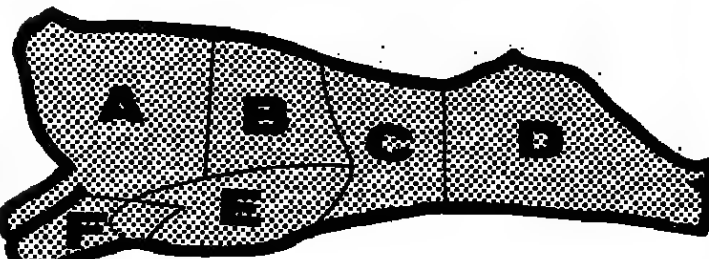
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Former World Cup star indicted

Soccer scandal involves 36

ROME, April 25 (R) — Thirty-six football personalities have been formally charged with conspiracy to defraud in connection with Italy's illegal betting scandal, judicial sources said Thursday night.

They include the country's most expensive football player and 1978 World Cup star Paolo Rossi, international Bruno Giordano and the president of defending champions A.C. Milan, Felice Colombo, the sources said.

Two Roman backstreet bookmakers, fruit merchant Massimo Cruciani and restauran-

teur Alvaro Triaca, who triggered the scandal, have been charged with fraud, the sources said.

A date for the trial will be fixed next week, they added. Complicity to defraud carries a maximum prison sentence of three years.

Investigations opened after the two self-confessed bookmakers revealed the names of 27 footballers alleged to have taken bribes to "fix" first and second division matches.

Earlier Thursday in Florence, the Italian Football Federation announced that Col-

ombo and 17 first-division players face disciplinary action on allegations that they fixed two first-division matches after payment of bribes.

The football federation has been conducting an inquiry into the scandal and referred the cases to its disciplinary committee, which is expected to meet next week.

If found guilty the players could be suspended from soccer for life while their clubs may be relegated to the second division.

Muslim Congress urges Indonesia to join boycott

JAKARTA, April 25 (AFP) — A Muslim Youth Congress now being held in Surabaya, East Java, has urged the Indonesian government to boycott the Moscow summer Olympic Games.

The congress of the Ansor Youth Movement, a component of the leading Nahdlatul Ulama Muslim Organization, made the decision at its Wednesday session after reviewing Soviet disregard of world opinion concerning the Soviet aggression in Afghanistan, the Jakarta daily *Pelita* reported.

Such a boycott also would be in line with proposals taken by the recent Islamic foreign ministers conference in Islamabad Pakistan, the resolution states.

The government has as yet not made any pronouncement on boycotting the games, whereas the Indonesian Olympic Committee here is continuing the training of four archers it intends to send to Moscow.



LE MANS WINNER: Herve Moineau of France, who turned in the best time during the trials of the "24 hours of Le Mans" motorcycle race last week, was the eventual winner with partner Marc Fontan. They led the race from the start on their Honda motorcycle.

Poland 'deplores' anti-Moscow movement

WARSAW, Poland, April 25 (AP) — The Polish government "deeply deplores" the Olympic boycott actions taken by some nations, Sports Minister Marian Renke said Thursday.

Renke said the absence of several great athletes from American and possible other nations will "to a certain extent diminish the luster of the medals."

He said Poland is treating seriously Greece's proposals to hold the games permanently in that country, but said "drawbacks"

to the idea existed because Greece is not "politically stable forever."

Renke said Poland will state its views on future sports meets at the Olympic Congress in Baden-Baden, West Germany, next year.

He said Poland will press for assigning the 1996 games to Greece to commemorate 100 years of the modern Olympic movement.

Renke said he hopes some national Olympic committees planning not to go to Moscow will revise their opinions and finally participate in the games.

He said sports was made a "scapegoat" of politics, and the real harm would be done to athletes deprived of a chance to win medals.

Poland plans to send a large team of more than 300 women and men to Moscow.

Renke said there are no plans to retaliate for the U.S. boycott by boycotting the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles.

"But there are some International Olympic Committee rules that may be called for to punish the Americans," he said.

Renke said when Poland and other Communist teams went to Lake Placid for the winter Olympics, "the first boycott threats" had been made.

"Yet, the games went on in a friendly, truly Olympic spirit, also on the part of the American audiences," he said.

Renke said that while Poland plans no retaliatory steps, the boycott may have some repercussions such as in the form of curtailing normal sports contacts with nations that do not go to Moscow.

Luxembourg pushes pro-U.S. stand

LUXEMBOURG, April 25, (R) — Luxembourg has urged its Olympic committee to join the international boycott of the Moscow summer games.

Foreign Minister Gaston Thorn, declaring the Center-Right Coalition's position for the first time, told Parliament Thursday night Luxembourg should boycott the games in show solidarity with the United States.

Thorn was speaking in a debate on a boycott motion by liberal Deputy Jean Hamilius himself a former Olympic athlete. The chamber is to vote May 6.

The committee is to meet today to take a decision. This tiny state of 360,000 people could send a half-dozen competitors to Moscow.

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Canada enters bid for alternate games

OTTAWA, April 24 (AP) — Sports Canada will meet officials from sport groups Monday to see if competitions can be arranged for athletes from Canada and other foreign countries that plan to boycott the Moscow Olympics.

Peter LeSeaux, assistant deputy minister for Sports, said Thursday Sport Canada is saving \$ 700,000 by not helping to send a team to Moscow, and that money could be

used for other competitions.

But he stressed that no such events should be considered an alternate Olympics and they would have to be held either six weeks before or after the Moscow games scheduled July 19-Aug. 3.

First priority would go to sports that qualified to compete in the Olympics, he said.

He said he had not heard any definite proposals from the more than 30 countries

which are boycotting Moscow for special competitions.

Any competitions likely would need the approval of the international sport governing body.

LeSeaux said he hopes to have some definite proposals by the end of next week.

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Watson, Green, Beck lead in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS, April 25 (AP) — Tom Watson, golf's most outstanding performer over the past three seasons, blistered the back nine in a six-under par 30 that completed a 66 and gave him a place in a three-way tie for the lead Thursday in the first round of the \$250,000 New Orleans Open.

Watson shared the position with defending champion Hubert Green and the longshot tour sophomore, Chip Beck, Lee Trevino, a former champion, headed a big list of nine men tied at 67, a single stroke off the lead.

Also at that figure were Rod Carl, Bill Kratzert, D.A. Weibring, Mike Reid, Mark Lye, Tom Jenkins, Allen Miller, and Mark Pfeil, a winner last week in Tallahassee.

Most of the positioning was somewhere around the lead. More than half the field of 156 matched or broke par on the 7,080-yard Lakewood Country Club course.

"We couldn't have had better scoring conditions," said Watson, who scored his third victory of the season last week in the Tournament of Champions.

The fairways were hard and fast, and the greens soft and holding. Temperatures were in the 70s, with only light breezes rustling the Spanish moss drooping from the huge Cyprus trees.

Still, however, Watson had to put together a fantastic finish to take a piece of the lead. He was even par through 11 holes, then ripped the last seven in 6-under during which he hit a tree, a spectator and a sandtrap, finishing with an eagle, birdie par and birdie.

Air France tennis first-round results

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 25 — Nearly all the first and second round matches of the men's singles and first round of the ladies singles have been completed in the Air France Open Tennis Tournament.

The first seed to fall was Paul Harrell, who lost 6-3, 6-3, to Leif Ohlsson after a close match. Harrell did not play up to the high standard he has been exhibiting in recent league matches.

The seedings fared a little better however with eight-seeded Rodi Edholm; Michael Sandin, fifth seed; Eric Madison, fourth seed; third-seeded Paddy Rogan; and sixth-seeded Michael Liddle all winning their first round matches in the men's singles. First-seeded Christine Lamb and second-seeded Ruth Reithich played likewise in the ladies' singles.

The prizes include air tickets to Paris for the winners of the men's singles and ladies' singles and many other prizes donated by the sponsors, Air France and Meridien Hotels.

Results of Wednesday's play:

4 pm Walter Schaefer beat Jerome Barni, 6-2, 6-2, 7-6.
 5 pm Leif Ohlsson beat Paul Harrell, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.
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 12 pm Leif Ohlsson beat Paul Harrell, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.

Results of Thursday's play:

4 pm Andy Rolles beat Owen Turnbull, 6-1, 7-6.
 5 pm Udo Puppe beat Christopher Amund, 6-1, 6-1.
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BUMPING HEADS: West Ham attacker David Cross attempts a goal in Tuesday night's game against Birmingham City as goalkeeper Jeff Welands and other team members position for the block. West Ham, the Football Association Cup finalists, was defeated by Birmingham City 2-1 in the first Division game.

Braves inch past Padres 8-7

NEW YORK, April 25 (AP) — Brian Asselstine's RBI single capped a two-run rally in the ninth innings and gave the Atlanta Braves an 8-7 victory over the San Diego Padres Thursday night.

Larvell Blanks started the rally with a single that chased Bob Shirley and brought a reliever Rolfe Fingers. Blanks beat a throw to second when Dale Murphy was stirred on a groundout and Chris Chambliss jogged out a roller to second with Blanks taking third.

Blanks then scored the tying run on Jeff Torvick's infield single, and Asselstine fol-

lowed with his game-winning hit, giving the victory to Gene Garber.

Willie Montanez' two-run homer in the top of the eighth had provided the Padres with a 7-6 lead.

In another National League game, Dusty Baker's three-run homer broke a 2-2 tie in the 10th inning and gave the Los Angeles Dodgers a 5-2 victory over the San Francisco Giants.

Reggie Smith, who earlier hit a homer for the Dodgers, singled to start their winning rally and took second on Steve Garvey's base hit before Baker's blast.

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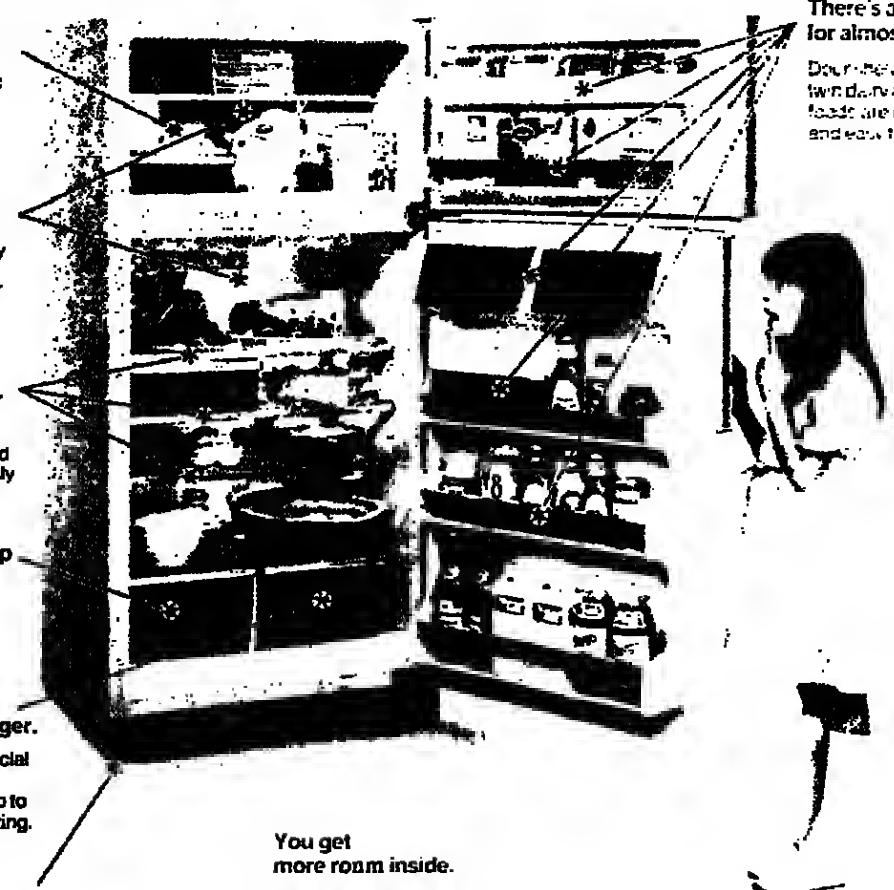
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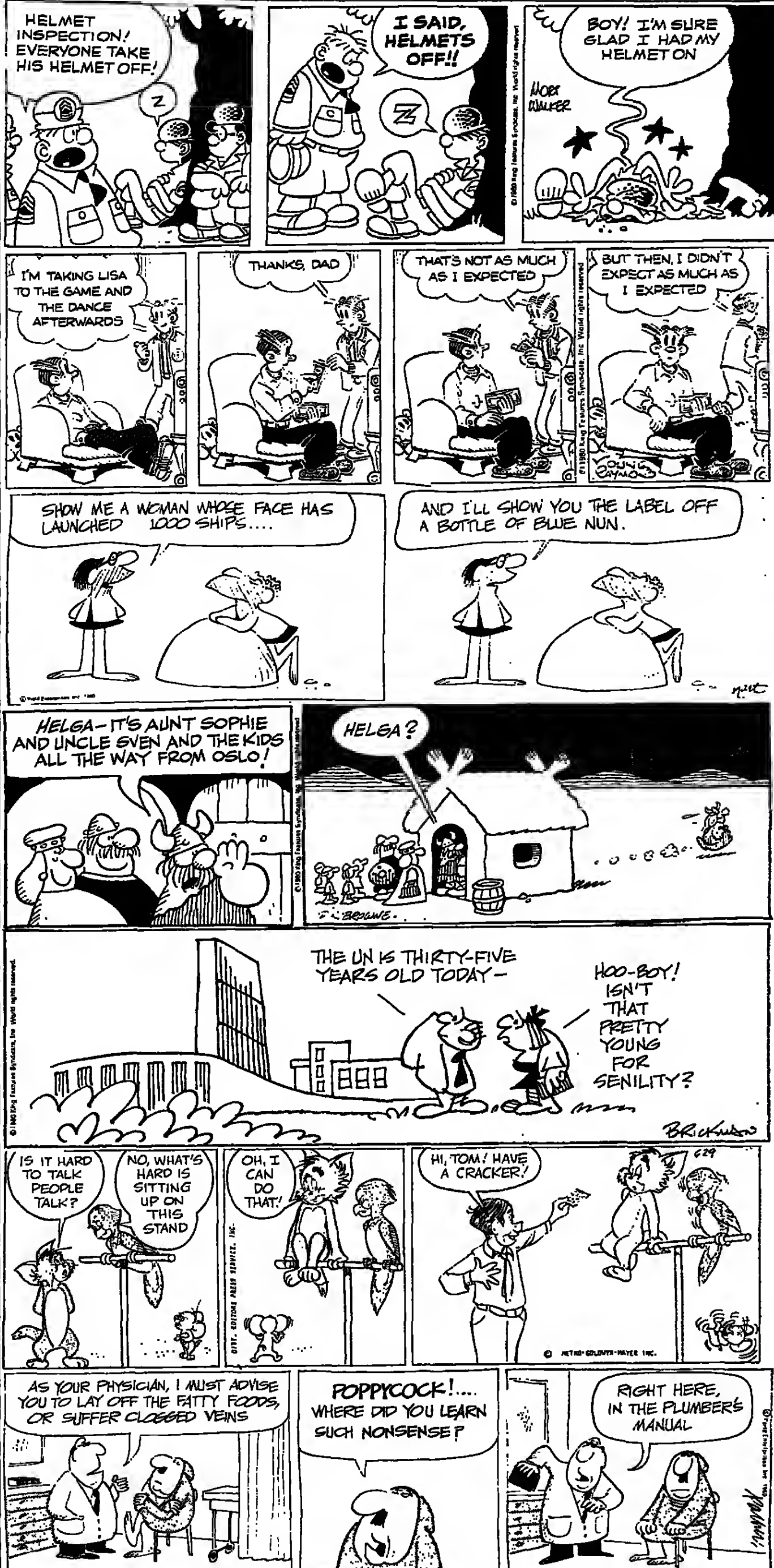
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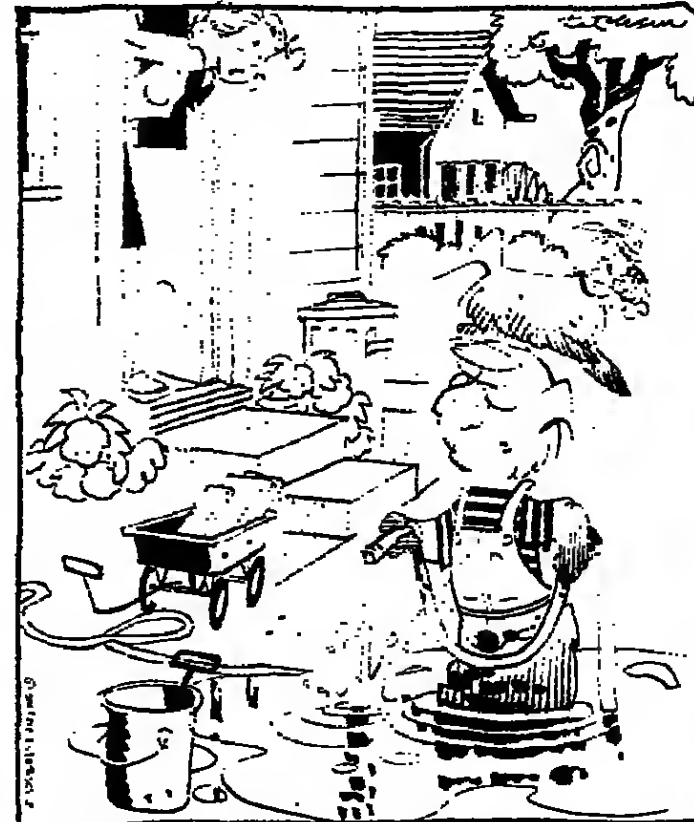
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12:40 Look Ahead
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Test Your Dummy Play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Notrump and North leads the jack of diamonds. How would you play the hand?

♠ J7
♥ AKJ3
♦ KQ8
♣ AQ85

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♠ AK103
♥ Q8
♦ AS2
♣ J643

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Seven Diamonds and North leads the king of hearts. How would you play the hand? Assume that the trumps are divided 3-1.

♠ KJ2
♥ —
♦ AKQJ5
♣ AQJ6

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♠ A85
♥ 10764
♦ 1097
♣ K72

1. The contract cannot be defeated, regardless of how the missing cards are divided. Win the diamond lead with the king and play the ace of clubs, followed by a low club towards dummy. If the missing clubs are divided 3-2 you have twelve easy tricks, so let's start by assuming they're divided 4-1 or 5-4.

If North has four or five clubs to the K-10, he cannot afford to go up with the king at trick three because you'd then have twelve easy tricks. Let's therefore say he follows low on the second club and you win the trick with dummy's jack of clubs. With South showing out, you now return to your hand

with a diamond and lead the jack of spades, planning to finesse if North follows low. This assures you of twelve tricks wherever the queen of spades is located.

If South is the one who has four or five clubs to the K-10, he wins dummy's jack of clubs with the king, but it is then child's play to make three club tricks and the contract.

2. The best approach to the play is to plan a dummy reversal in order to avoid the danger associated with a spade finesse.

Ruff North's heart lead with the jack, play the five of trumps to dummy's seven, ruff the six of hearts with the queen, play the eight of trumps to dummy's nine, then ruff the seven of hearts with the king before playing a low club to dummy's king. Now ruff the ten of hearts with your last trump, the ace.

Next, play a low spade to dummy's ace and draw the only missing trump with the ten, discarding your jack of spades in the process. As a result of all these ruffing maneuvers, you win the last four tricks with your king of spades and A-Q-J of clubs. The thirteen tricks you score consist of two spades, four clubs and seven — count them — trump tricks.

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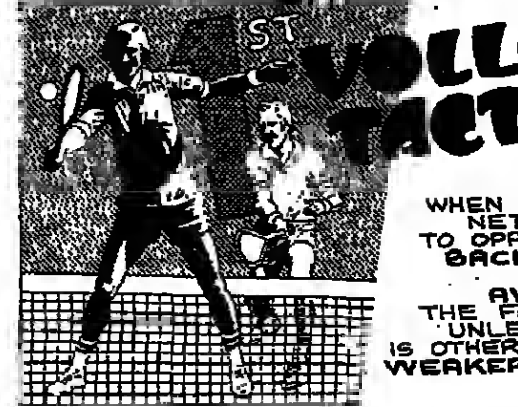
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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 1988

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth Sign.

ARIES

(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

An innovative approach is best for work related problems. Change your routine to offset the doldrums. A possible impasse stymies romance.

TAURUS

(Apr. 20 to May 20)

Doing something different may enliven a relationship. An argument could dampen your enthusiasm about a planned entertainment.

GEMINI

(May 21 to June 20)

Domestic projects including home entertainments are favored, but a difference of opinion possible with a friend. Watch P.M. blues.

CANCER

(June 21 to July 21)

Local visits are favored, but if you overextend your stay, a romantic companion could become taciturn. Don't force issues.

LEO

(July 22 to Aug. 22)

You'll enjoy shopping now, but try to keep costs down so there's enough funds left over for p.m. fun. Watch disputes later.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Trust spontaneity for good times. Do that something different. Worry about funds

could diminish self-confidence later.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

You may pick up an unexpected bargain. Enjoy a private meeting with a friend. P.M. brings the possibility of dissension with a close one.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

An unexpected invitation to a party possible. Though socializing brings new contacts, you may be disappointed about romance.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

An unusual career idea is worth further investigation. Mixing business with pleasure could have a disappointing outcome. Friends argumentative.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Travel could lead to an unexpected party. New business contacts possible, but the p.m. may bring loneliness if in a strange locale.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

An unusual business deal may present itself. P.M. brings the chance of argument. A close one may seem distant or self preoccupied.

PISCES

(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

Partners will enjoy a change of scenery, but watch arguments about money. A friend's selfish attitude could get you down.

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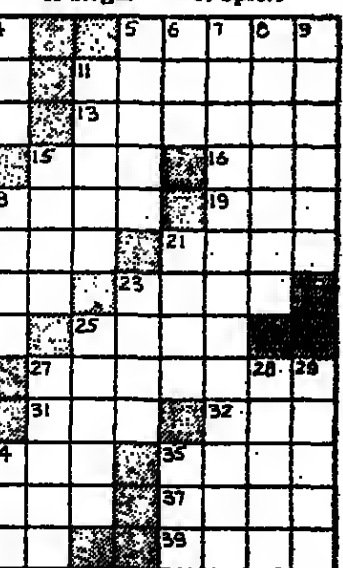
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ACROSS

1 Unscathed
5 Ermine
18 — Ivanovitch
11 Malodor
12 Haze
13 Be willing
14 Cry
15 Decay
16 Big —, Calif.
17 Do a
19 — Patch
20 Type of kiln
21 Feel for
22 Do a barber's job
23 Low
24 Bangle call
25 TV favorite
26 Building wing
27 Spouse
30 One — time
31 Road animal
32 Way off
33 Renaissance England
35 Volcano
36 Restlessness
37 Belasco
38 They bug us
39 Ticket buyers

DOWN

1 Lion in Kenya
2 Of birds
3 Stylish dressers
4 Ending for insist
5 Condition
6 Thrice, to Tiberius
7 Personal favorite
8 Put in motion
9 Like most rose bushes
11 George C.
15 File
18 Bat. Fr.
21 Go by
22 Cracker
23 Explosive sound
24 Item for the Mad
25 Hat's party
25 Garry or Roger
27 Anatoly
28 Karpov's game
28 Never stopped talking
29 Beyond: prefix
34 Pass the —
35 Sprite



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Soviet rifles from former Soviet ally

Egyptians arming Afghan fighters

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, April 25 (AP) — A leading group of Afghan freedom fighters that says it is critically short of weapons has received Egyptian arms for its attacks on Soviet troops across the border in Afghanistan.

Two guards at the headquarters of the Afghan National Liberation Front brandished Soviet-designed Kalashnikov rifles with markings in Arabic indicating they were made in Egypt.

Egypt, which at one time enjoyed close military ties with the Soviet Union, has manufactured the semi-automatic gun since 1976, said an Egyptian embassy official in Islamabad, the capital of Pakistan.

Although a number of Muslim countries reportedly have promised arms, the Egyptian-made rifles were the first evidence that any foreign deliveries have reached the rebels, said a Western military attaché in Islamabad.

Tito remains in shock, doctors say

BELGRADE, April 25 (AP) — Doctors treating President Josip Broz Tito said Friday his state of health was unchanged overnight, but that he was still in shock and in a coma.

The eight physicians treating the president at the ultra-modern Ljubljana Clinical Center said in their daily medical advisory that signs of alleviations mentioned in Thursday's bulletin were being maintained.

His general condition, they said, is "without significant change" however and still exceptionally grave, meaning Tito's serious liver ailment was still not under control.

The liver damage, his worst illness along with internal bleeding which the doctors have said is in both his stomach and intestines, was described the previous day as "not decreasing."

Friday was Tito's 104th day in the clinic where he is also being treated for kidney failure, pneumonia, severe jaundice and high fever.

Friday's bulletin, carried as usual by the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug, was significantly less informative than many of the recent advisories that up till Thursday indicated Tito was becoming progressively more ill.

The advisory did not mention any of the various afflictions specifically. Whether this meant an extension of what appears to be yet another miraculous recovery from the point of death during Tito's three and half month was unclear.

Sources said the liver ailment holds the key to the 87-year-old president's survival.

However, Pakistan's president, Mohammed Zia ul-Haq, has said that his regime maintained a policy "of not allowing Pakistan to become a conduit for the flow of arms into Afghanistan."

The liberation front, led by religious scholar Imam Sibhatullah Mojadedi, is responsible for the distribution of weapons and ammunition in a loose coalition of insurgent groups known as the United Islamic Liberation Front, sources among the freedom fighters said.

Mojadedi's son Zabihullah, who serves as an aide, at first denied the group had received Egyptian-made rifles. But he reluctantly confirmed it when two Western reporters pointed out the two carried by guards at the gate.

He said that between 10 and 15 Kalash-

nikovs, which also are called AK-47s, had been received from the Egyptian government.

The Egyptian embassy in Islamabad, 173 kilometers east of here, declined comment. "Regardless of the sources, the amount we have is absolutely insufficient," said Zabihullah, a U.S.-trained engineer.

"I can tell you we have been buying guns in Darrah," he said, trying to illustrate his group's desperation. Darrah is a town in tribal-governed northwest Pakistan whose cottage industry turns out low quality copies of 19th and early 20th century firearms.

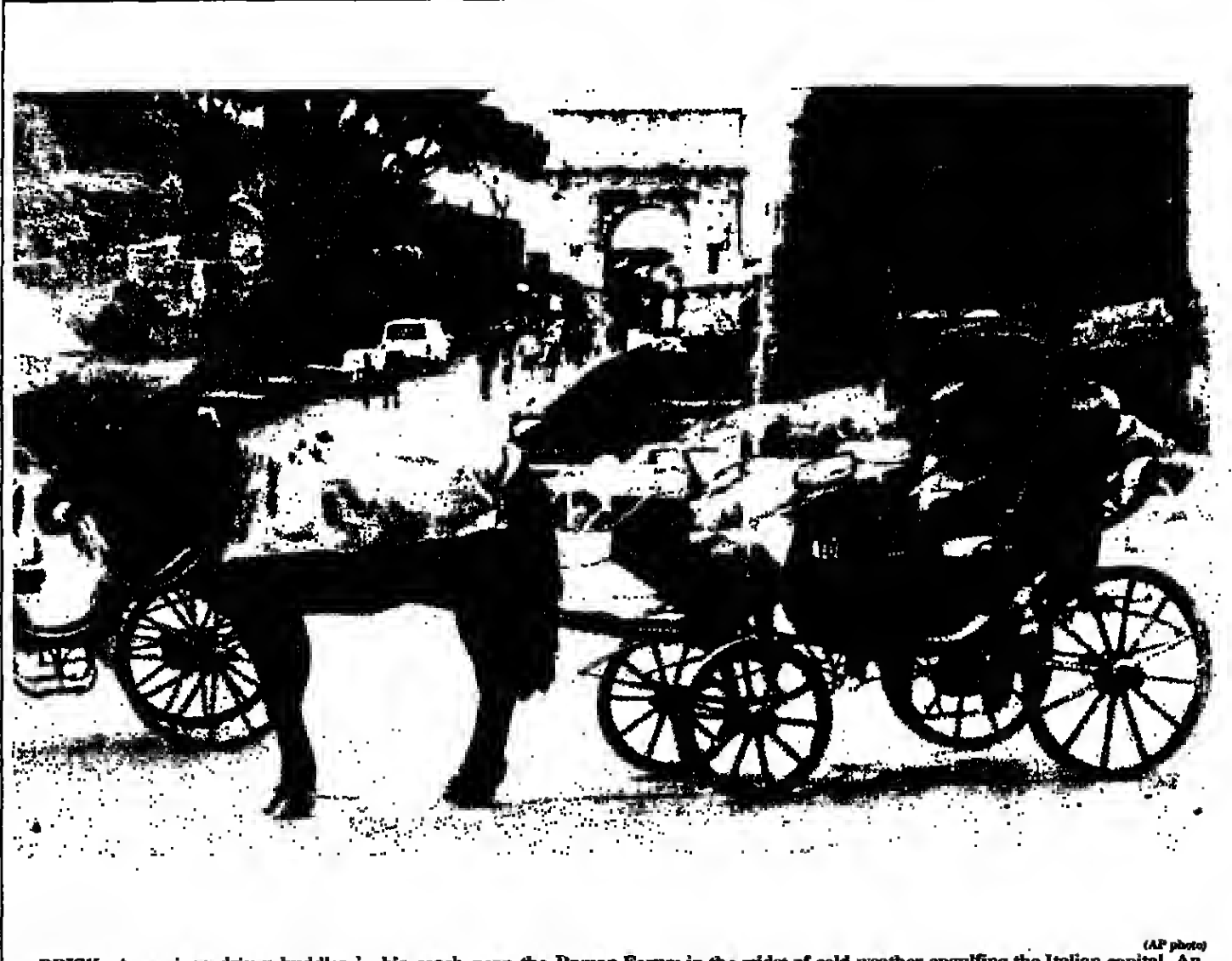
President Babrak Karmal of Afghanistan, installed Dec. 27 in a Soviet-engineered coup has accused the United States, Communist China, Egypt, Pakistan and "reactionary cir-

cles" in other Muslim countries of providing Afghan fighters material support.

Washington, Peking and Islamabad have denied the charge. U.S.-made teargas canisters, discovered by Afghan troops in a captured vehicle used by freedom fighters were described by the Kabul media as "proof" of American aid. But more solid evidence was not forthcoming.

Many observers here agree that if the West supplies arms to insurgents, it would most likely be Soviet-made weapons easily available in Africa and the Middle East but difficult to trace back to the buyer.

Meanwhile, Western journalists who have entered territory held by freedom fighters recently reported that the insurgents generally remain ill-equipped with scavenged equipment and feet wrapped in rags.



BRISK: A carriage driver huddles in his coach near the Roman Forum in the midst of cold weather engulfing the Italian capital. An ancient arch is shown in the background. (AP photo)

Free discussion vs. national security

U.S. government, scientists at odds over lasers

WASHINGTON, April 25 (WP) — Some months ago, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology asked the federal government for permission to publish the results of an experiment using laser light to produce the isotope of uranium that generates nuclear energy.

The U.S. government refused. The Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory in New Mexico told MIT that publication would violate national security. Los Alamos said its scientists had conducted similar experiments in secret and felt that publication of the test results could lead a foreign power to use laser light to generate enough of the isotope, Uranium-235, to start an arsenal of atomic weapons.

The incident, which one Los Alamos scientist refers to as a "mutual editing agreement," spotlights a growing difference between scientists outside the federal government and inside it over what should be kept secret in the burgeoning new fields of laser enrichment and laser fusion.

One issue is the use of laser light to separate the isotopes of uranium to enrich the metal with enough fissile uranium to produce nuclear fuel or atomic bombs. A second issue involves the use of laser light to heat deuterium and tritium fuel to such high temperatures that they reach the heat of fusion that can theoretically supply the world with limitless energy.

Parts of these two technologies are classified and will remain classified because they have applications to nuclear weapons," declares White House science adviser Frank



U.S. troops use a laser device.

Press. "This administration does not want to encourage access to nuclear weapons."

To many scientists at universities and in private industry, the tightening secrecy around laser enrichment and laser fusion represents little more than censorship. Both fields have undergone rapid and impressive advances the past five years. Both fields are at the forefront of research that could lead to new sources of energy in the next 20 years.

"We don't agree with the classification process in laser fusion," said Dr. Moshe Lubin, director of the University of Rochester's laser energetics laboratory. "We want a free discussion of ideas, we want some compromise by the government's national

laboratories in this field."

Currently, most of exotic research in laser fusion is done at the Department of Energy's Lawrence Livermore Laboratory in California and at Los Alamos. Close behind is the University of Rochester, which has put together a consortium of institutions like the University of Michigan and private concerns like Standard Oil Co. of Ohio to pursue laser fusion research.

Rochester's laser has produced pulse of almost 2 trillion watts that for a fraction of a second generated fuel temperatures of 67 million degrees. Livermore's laser routinely produces light pulses of 30 trillion watts and temperatures far above 70 million degrees.

The difference between Rochester and Livermore is in the power of their lasers and the size of their budgets. Rochester feels it cannot compete with Livermore, which often shoots its laser to study thermonuclear weapons effects. That's one reason Livermore classifies a lot of its laser fusion work.

The other reason is the design of the fuel pellets, or "targets" as they're known. No bigger than grains of salt, the fuel pellets are made of layers of glass that hold deuterium and tritium fuel in a way that will allow the fuel to heat up to temperatures of 100 million degrees. The same pellets are used as thermonuclear fuel in hydrogen bombs.

Secrecy is tighter surrounding the use of the laser in separating uranium isotopes. Most of the secret enrichment work is done at Los Alamos. Among the many private institutions pursuing laser enrichment are MIT, Battelle Research Institute and a joint subsidiary of Exxon and Avco.

The isotope of uranium known as U-235 (the fissile isotope used in nuclear fuel and atomic bombs) was first separated out of the natural uranium with laser light at Los Alamos in 1976. The way it was done is still secret, but it involved a laser whose light can be tuned to frequencies that will cause isotopes of uranium to absorb laser light in a different way.

Whatever the method, laser enrichment promises rich rewards. Potentially, uranium can be enriched with lasers at 2 percent of the cost it's enriched at today. This is why so many private institutions want to research it and why the federal government wants to keep it so secret.

The key to the success of laser enrichment in 1976 was in getting a gas called uranium hexafluoride to remain a gas in a supercold state even colder than liquid air. Ironically, the United States kept that a secret until the Soviet Union disclosed all the details of its research on the matter in 1977.

The censorship of the MIT experiment duplicating the Los Alamos work was not an isolated incident. Los Alamos scientists admit they've censored at least 10 other outside experiments, usually those involving the frequencies of laser light that are best used to separate uranium isotopes from each other.

Where will it end? University and industry scientists are itchy to move ahead with laser enrichment. The federal government is just as anxious to keep every advance a secret. Said one Los Alamos scientist who asked not be identified: "The rules of secrecy we're working under right now will be here for many years to come."

Officials respect presidential timber

WASHINGTON, April 25 (AP) — "One of the problems with presidential mail is that you have to treat it with respect," said a U.S. government official who worries about such things. "I mean, you don't want it banded about as a curiosity item."

But how do you treat 10,000 board feet of worthless lumber with respect?

That has become something of a problem in recent days the people at the National Archives who handle the presidential papers of Jimmy Carter.

A few weeks ago, home builders and build-

ing trades workers fed up with the severe slump in the housing industry and skyrocketing interest rates began mailing Carter pieces of two-by-fours in a nationwide protest of economic conditions.

At last count, said Charles Goodwin, a White House spokesman, the mail room had received 13,890 wooden blocks averaging 20.3 cm in length. At today's lumber prices, the White House would be worth about \$3,800 — if it were in standard building length.

As is, it's not worth scrapping.

Gold soars after Iran rescue fails

LONDON, April 25 (R) — The price of gold and strategic metals jumped Friday after the failed U.S. bid to free the Tehran hostages.

A scramble to buy these goods began immediately after the White House disclosed the attempt.

The price of gold leapt to \$552 an ounce from \$528.5 just before the announcement while the dollar also slipped against most currencies. There was turmoil on some Far Eastern markets, which bore the first brunt of the news, traders said.

But prices later steadied and the volume of trading fell. Investors are staying away from the market because of uncertainty about future developments in the hostage situation, dealers said.

Most key metals rose between 1.5 and 7.4 per cent after the announcement but then showed little change for the rest of the day's trading.

Intervention by central banks, which bought dollars, helped stem an early fall in the U.S. currencies.

The dollar was also partly helped by a rise in interest rates on dollars deposited in Europe which was itself caused by concern about the rescue attempt.

One of the dollar's largest falls was against the pound sterling. It dropped from \$2.2530 a pound to 2.2780. The pound was being pushed up because of Britain's reserves of North Sea oil considered important in the face of a possible Iranian ban on oil sales to U.S. allies, dealers said. Against most other currencies the dollar showed only moderate falls.

It traded Friday at 1.8175 West German marks compared with 1.8215 Thursday and 1.8050 soon after the rescue attempt announcement.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):	Friday	Thursday
London	550.50	525.00
Paris	561.23	535.72
Frankfurt	554.98	517.00
Zurich	554.50	518.50
Hong Kong	543.38	507.90

Oldest life evidence unearthed in Australia

CANBERRA, April 25 (AFP) — Australian geologists claim they have found the oldest evidence of life on earth in a remote corner of north-west Australia near Marble Bar.

Geologists of the University of Western Australia are publishing a report in scientific journals claiming signs of life 3,500 million years old which is 500 million years older than anything previously found.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

Spring thoughts. Walking down a busy street, I saw a rough looking young man, bare arms all covered with tattoos, give a long wolf whistle at a passing beauty (and like the flowers, the young girls are blooming here under the grey skies.)

A woman walking with her husband commented: "Ah, that's before marriage. Husbands still whistle after marriage, but it's not the same. It's more like whistling to the taxi or the waiter... or even to the dog."

The young man, something of a ruffian, as I said, followed up his whistle with the rather forward remark: "Your place or mine, darling?" Something we, in our courtier youth, would never dream of saying. But then what do we, the Arabs in their various lands, say when spring is in the air and the fancy turns tender?

Back at the office I went round asking the younger colleagues, all from the different parts of the Arab world, about the ways in which the proverbial "man in the street" would make his feelings known to the lady of his dreams. The result, though rich in variety, showed certain uniformity. Our courting, for some reason, has a strong element of melancholy mixed with it. The thought of pain, of death, is never very far.

A Syrian, damsel walking down the street would consider any remark less intense than "May you entomb me!" downright insulting. Sometimes the violence is directed at the beloved: "May ruin come your house, how beautiful you look!" (It's much terner in Arabic.)

An Egyptian would shout, "I am ruined," or what could freely be translated as "I'm up the creek" as a pair of fiery black eyes flash by him. The Sudanese, with gentle resignation, sigh, "I die in a corner," or, rather strangely, "I die crouching."

The Saudis — yes they do too — take a gentler view of things. "O young bamboo shoot," they would whisper at the passing lady. The bedouins, who tend to be graphic about such things, can come up with, "My love for you is like a mule's kick in my heart," as I heard one of them say in Jordan once.

The Iraqis, a people not naturally given to understatement, would say, "May I be a sacrifice for you!" They also, for some mysterious reason, tend to wax biological. Nothing broad, mind, just things like, "Oh you my liver!" But they don't extend this to kidneys or any of the other innards.

The people in the Maghreb tend to make their remarks in French. Sometimes they speak in Arabic. Then no one understands a word.

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